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Widow's tribute: Sonia Gandhi, head bowed in grief, circles the blazing pyre of her assassinated husband Rajiv during the ceremony on the banks of the Jamuna River

Funeral flames end an era for India

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

RAJIV Gandhi's son Rahul lit the funeral pyre yesterday of perhaps the last dynastic ruler of India. Wearing white, the Hindu colour of mourning, he stepped back uneasily as the flames caught. Smoke curled around a nearby memorial to Indira Gandhi, the former prime minister's assassinated mother. Millions across the Jamuna River watched the smoke rise high over the capital. As dusk came the flames begn to die out, and India had entered a new era.

Seven years ago Rajiv Gandhi performed the same funeral rites on the same spot for his mother, Indira Gandhi, killed by Sikh extremists. His body, covered with the Indian tricolour, a flower-bordered picture of him at its head, was transported seven miles through Delhi on a gun carriage. The open emotions displayed by tens of thousands of people were as much for the loss of India's connection with the past as for the death of the former prime minister.

At just after 1pm the body, reassembled by doctors after being blown apart by a bomb last Tuesday 30 miles outside Madras, came out of Teen Murti House where it had laid in state. It was placed on a gun-carriage pulled by a military vehicle. Soldiers who had stood to attention for hours swayed in the 40°C heat.

A distraught man tried to jump on to the gun-carriage, but was forced back. Women, in Hindu tradition, wailed. Dignitaries from around the world were there. The Prince of Wales represented the British Royal Family. Douglas Hurd, the British foreign secretary, and Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, were present, with Sir David Steel.

So was Dan Quayle, the United States vice-president. The prime ministers of Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh attended. Benazir Bhutto, former prime minister of Pakistan, was present.

Rajiv Gandhi's ashes are to be cast upon waters in the Hindu tradition. It is understood they will be taken to Ahmedabad in the western state of Gujarat, where the holy Ganges meets the Jamuna.

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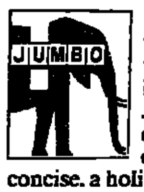

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British troops to spearhead new Nato force

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

BRITAIN is to take a spearhead role in the revamped Nato force in Europe, supplying half of a new rapid reaction corps that will be able to go anywhere in times of crisis.

In giving the British army the key role in the new force, the alliance is acknowledging its expertise in mounting emergency operations, which was demonstrated again during the Gulf war.

The corps, which will have up to 100,000 men and be commanded by a British general, will concentrate on defending the central region, but will be capable of being moved anywhere within the Nato area when necessary. Two of the four divisions will be British — "the core of the corps" — and the others will be made up of multinational units. One British division will be armoured and remain in Germany, the other will be more lightly armed and be home-based.

British troops are also expected to play a role in a smaller "immediate reaction force", a lightly-armed multinational brigade.

The rapid reaction corps, which will have air support, heavy armour and naval forces if needed, will be one of three main elements of the new Nato military presence in Europe. The others will be the main defence forces — smaller, multinational versions of the existing standing armies — and "augmentation forces", which will be reinforcement troops from elsewhere in Europe and America.

Although the details of the new Nato force have still to be worked out, the basic structure and distribution of responsibilities are expected to be approved by Nato defence ministers meeting in Brussels on Tuesday. The implications for the British army, which is is to be reduced by 40,000 men under the "options for change" review, are expcted to be outlined by Tom King, the defence secretary, next month.

The commitment to the rapid reaction corps appears to be in line with the decision announced by Mr King last July to withdraw two divisions from Germany, leaving one behind and a second committed to Nato based in Britain. However, if Britain is to contribute to other elements of the overall strength, it could mean that more troops being based in Germany. Britain is not, however, expected to be involved in the main defence forces, which will consist of six corps in the central region.

No decisions have been taken on the question of who should pay for the different elements of the Nato force, which will come under the overall command of America's General John Galvin, the supreme allied commander, Europe. Nor have there been any detailed discussions on how far equipment for the multinational units should be standardised. That could affect Britain's choice of a tank to replace the chieftain.

The other issue that remains undefined is "the enemy". British officials say the future strategy of the alliance is to provide "a military counterweight" to what is the main power in Europe. That is the closest officials get to confirming that the Soviet Union is still viewed as a potential threat, although no longer the monolithic power it once was. "We can train for a generic threat," one official said.

As with existing arrangements, if British Nato-assigned troops were needed for an out-of-area confrontation, such as the Middle East, the alliance would have to assess the risk of moving troops from the central region. If the risk was too great, because the Soviet Union was posing a genuine military threat, the troops would have to stay put.

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Israel rescues Jews in Ethiopia

As rebel forces neared Addis Ababa, the Israelis began an airlift of Falashas, reports ***Michael Binyon***

A huge airlift to ferry the remaining 16,000 Falashas — Ethiopian Jews — to Israel began yesterday with the arrival of Israeli aircraft at Addis Ababa amid tight security and a news blackout in Israel and Washington. The State Department eventually broke its silence and admitted that the airlift of Falashas had begun, using Israeli and Ethiopian planes.

A spokesman said this was the culmination of long American efforts to win free emigration for Ethiopian Jews. The United States was not directly involved in the airlift, however. He said Washington had told the Israeli government that the immigrants were not to be settled in the West Bank and other occupied territories.

Residents in the Ethiopian capital said yesterday that two Boeing 707 passenger aircraft and two Hercules C130 transports arrived at the airport early in the morning. Hundreds of Falashas were already on the tarmac

Addis Ababa was still in a state of turmoil, following the flight of former president Mengistu on Tuesday. The Foreign Office yesterday advised about 400 Britons to leave the country, and said it would be willing to charter aircraft if necessary. The British embassy staff of 15

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Mortgage cheer as rate is cut

By Richard Ford, political correspondent

NORMAN Lamont cheered hard-pressed homebuyers yesterday when he cut interest rates by half a point to 11.5 per cent.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's action did little, however, to lift the gloom surrounding manufacturing industry, which is in deep recession and being forced to cut jobs. The latest monthly Confederation of British Industry survey published last night showed weaker order books and output still falling.

David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI's economic situation committee, said: "Even with today's cut in interest rates, many firms will feel the need for a further stimulus to demand to ensure recovery is not needlessly delayed."

The chancellor has been under pressure from Conservative MPs and business leaders for a cut in interest rates despite a warning from the governor of the Bank of England who cautioned against "siren voices" calling for lower rates. Yesterday Michael Howard, the employment secretary, admitted that there were different views about the pace at which interest rates should come down. "Our position is that it is for everyone to give such advice as they think fit and for the chancellor, who is responsible to parliament, to decide and the chancellor has decided."

Whitehall sources said that it had been the right and prudent moment for a cut in interest rates though it had been so well trailed that most dealers in the City shrugged it off and share prices barely moved.

The half per cent cut is attacked as "inadequate" by Nicholas Ridley, the former trade and industry secretary, in a letter in *The Times* today in which he criticises the government's policy for being far too tight.

The big mortgage lenders, including the Halifax and Abbey National, announced cheaper home loans after the base rate cut, the fifth such reduction this year. Existing borrowers will generally have to wait until July 1.

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Bank holiday starts with traffic chaos

By Bill Frost

BANK holiday traffic slowed to a crawl yesterday on Britain's motorways. Both the M2 and the M20 came to a virtual standstill during the afternoon as drivers made their way to the Channel ports and Kent coast resorts.

By early evening, the worst traffic jams around the country totalled 99 miles. The biggest was was a 20-mile tailback on the anti-clockwise section of the M25 from the M4 interchange to the juction with the A1M. An 18-mile jam developed on the westbound carriageway of the M4 near Reading following a collision between a car and a lorry in which two people were seriously injured. Thames Valley police said that people slowing down to look at the accident had caused a four-mile tailback on the eastbound carriageway.

Sections of the M5 became clogged by caravans as holidaymakers headed for Devon and Cornwall, causing

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Brides desert the marquee for tropical sun

By Harvey Elliott

THE recession is taking its toll of the social whirl in a not-so-merry England. Fathers of the bride and public companies alike are balking at lavish spending on entertainment this year. Many a Hooray Henry must be wondering where his next meal ticket is coming from.

More than 5,000 couples will forgo an expensive, grand wedding in Britain this year. Instead, they intend to fly alone to some palm-fringed beach where they can plight their troths more economically. At the same time, traders in Henley-on-Thames believe that the economic tide has run out for its regatta, a highlight of the English summer social season.

Recession, increasing costs and the high divorce rate have brought a surge in demand for packaged weddings abroad, which tour operators are happily exploiting. Even an average wedding at home now costs £7,500, while a grander occasion with a reception in a marquee on the lawn for 150 guests is estimated to cost £15,938, excluding the honeymoon.

It has proved too much for many of the 400,000 couples who get married each year, especially those in the recession-hit South-East. Brides are recognising that the honeymoon could be the last exotic holiday they get. They prefer to spend £1,589 a person on a fortnight in Jamaica with the wedding ceremony, flowers, best man, photographer and champagne thrown in for an extra £199, rather than spend ten times times as much to pour food and drink down distant relatives and boisterous friends at home.

"In the last few months, the demand has risen sharply," said Thomson Holidays, which has produced a *Weddings in Paradise* brochure that lets couples plan up to 18 months in advance whether to get married in the Seychelles, Antigua, Bali or any of 14 destinations now offering a complete marriage service.

Henley is suffering from reluctance to push the boat out. The five-day regatta, now just a month off, usually attracts dozens of major companies offering customers and contacts hospitality. Some paid up to £200 a head to treat clients to fine fare and champagne beside the Thames, with an optional glimpse of the rowing. This year, hospitality organisers report bookings down by as much as a third. British Telecom, one of the biggest entertainers at the event, has cut its ticket orders by four-fifths.

Alan Payne, managing director of Payne and Gunter, the caterer handling Henley's official hospitality, said: "Our bookings are down by a quarter. Companies are watching their cash."

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Waldegrave takes gloves off to fight Labour health lead

Waldegrave: taking the fight to Labour

With health likely to be a big election issue, Tories are changing tactics. Nicholas Wood reports

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the health secretary, has decided in an abrupt change of Conservative tactics to take the political fight over the National Health Service to Labour right up to the next election.

Mr Waldegrave and senior cabinet colleagues have decided on the ambitious and hazardous strategy in the light of what they see as their success in blunting Labour's assault on hospital trusts. The decision was taken at Thursday's cabinet meeting, at which ministers decided that health would no longer be "the great untouchable".

Ministers believe that by denouncing Labour's claim that the trusts are opting out of the NHS as the "big lie", they have forced the Opposition to backtrack and exposed divisions between Neil Kinnock and Robin Cook, Labour's chief health spokesman.

Mr Waldegrave has decided to go on to a permanent war footing, promising colleagues that he will "mix it" all the way to polling day. He is privately predicting a "long, bloody war" as he tries to narrow the gap between the two main parties on the issue that the public currently puts top of the political agenda.

The health secretary is said to accept that attacking one of the main citadels of Labour support marks a big change in Tory campaigning tactics. In the last two elections, the Tories sought to play down the health service as an issue and concentrate debate on areas of established strength, such as the economy and defence. Mr Waldegrave has told colleagues that this defensive posture did not prevent successful Labour "ambushes" on health during the campaigns. He is said to believe it would be "crazy" for the Tories to try to sweep the issue under the carpet.

Mr Waldegrave recognises, however, that he faces a big task to persuade voters that the NHS will be safer in Tory hands. He calculates that the best he can hope for is a draw, which would be a significant achievement given that Labour leads the Tories by 20 percentage points on the NHS.

Mr Waldegrave will launch his summer offensive in an interview with Brian Walden on independent television tomorrow. He will also argue in a speech next week that Labour is muddled over its spending plans for the NHS and that, at best, there is little between the parties on that front.

He believes that by neutralising the spending issue, he can shift discussion to the separate matter of NHS management and value for money, on which he believes that his incentive-based reforms give him the edge.

Labour is unlikely to be too dismayed by the change of tack. Its leaders believe that by drawing attention to the health service, the Tories are playing into their hands. Most Tory MPs are likely to support the assertive approach favoured by Mr Waldegrave. Judging by their response this week at the backbench health committee meeting addressed by Mr Waldegrave, they are glad he has taken the gloves off and belied his languid, aristocratic image.

However, some Conservative MPs will consider the new approach naive. One senior backbencher said this week that the government should recognise that it could not win on health just as Labour could not win on defence.

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Lords warn of water bill increase

By SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WATER bills could rise by a quarter in parts of Britain through European Commission demands for better treatment of sewage and effluent discharges, the Lords EC committee said yesterday.

The peers complain that the set standards planned by the EC would cost British sewerage firms and industry billions of pounds. Estimates given to the committee of the costs of cleaning discharges varied from £1.5 billion to £8 billion — about £141 a head. This would be in addition to the £12.2 billion sewerage investment programme and £1.4 billion to be spent by the privatised water authorities on improving bathing waters.

The committee report said that meeting improvements under the EC directive would, for instance, lead to a doubling in the investment programme in South West Water. "Customers might have to pay 25 per cent extra in their bills as a result." Anglian and Southern Water were also likely to face considerable additional costs.

The Confederation of British Industry said that the directive would add £400 million to water charges paid by industry.

Municipal Waste Water Treatment: House of Lords EC select committee (Stationery Office; £11.65)

Council open door policy on schools must stay

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE right of parents to choose a school for their children was thrown into further confusion yesterday when the Court of Appeal held that local authorities should not give priority to families living in the council area but would have to operate an "open-door policy".

In making the ruling, the appeal court said that it was no surprise that the government was being pressed to change the law, which led to painful and unhappy decisions. The court held that Bromley council was wrong to exclude children from outside the borough in favour of those within, and that Kingston upon Thames was right to open its doors to neighbouring boroughs.

Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice Owen, refused to make the judgment retrospective and it is not clear whether the three unnamed children will be admitted to Bromley schools. The decision will not affect places granted to Bromley children for this September, and appeals to the House of Lords are being considered in both cases.

Bromley children, Lord Justice Watkins said, had been given preference in 142 cases over children outside the borough. "That is unfortunate, but in our judgment it cannot now be in the interests of anybody for the whole admissions procedure so far applied in Bromley to be set aside," he said.

When there was over-subscription for a school, it "must be painfully difficult", Lord Justice Watkins said, adding: "We see much practical difficulty. It does not surprise us at all to learn that representations have been made to seek to bring about a change in the law."

In a separate case, Bruce Kingwell, a company director, of New Malden, suing on behalf of 200 parents, challenged Kingston's decision to change its admissions procedure to an open-door policy in line with a 1989 decision known as the "Greenwich judgment", which held that under the 1980 Education Act parents inside and outside a borough had equal right to a school if entry criteria were met.

Lord Justice Watkins said: "The consequence is that some parents living within Kingston and paying their community charges to the borough will not achieve for their children a single-sex grammar school education, although they have expressed a preference for such education and although, prior to the change of policy, their children would have had such education."

Mr Kingwell's daughter, Rebecca, aged 11, has now obtained a place at Tiffin Girls' School, one of the two Kingston grammar schools at the centre of the dispute. He said: "We chose to move into Kingston for a higher standard of education. In the end, it is not freedom of choice."

Bromley had claimed in court a duty to provide education for its residents first.

Television 'exploits children'

THE schools minister who criticised the influence of *Neighbours* accused the BBC of giving up on children's television yesterday. "Children are being exploited, not educated or informed," Michael Fallon said.

More and more output was geared to selling records, magazines and even Ninja Turtles, Mr Fallon said that proper children's programmes seemed to have disappeared from television.

"Between lunch and bedtime last Sunday across four channels I could find just one programme that could be described as children's TV — *The Flintstones*, a cartoon. This weekend it's more cartoons and Australian soap," he told the Batley and Spen Conservative supper club, West Yorkshire.

"Children's TV is now an unvaried diet of cartoons, chat, soap and pop music." He praised Radio Five, however, which showed what could be done to help children to read and love literature.

CHRIS TOMOND

Hand picked: RSPCA officers at Perrycroft farm taking away some of the 420 beagles which they hope will go to new and more caring owners

High Court turns down dealer plea in Nissan battle

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 4,000 jobs in Britain's biggest independent chain of motor dealers were in jeopardy last night after the High Court refused to grant an injunction to prevent Nissan, the Japanese car maker, from taking over exclusive distribution rights.

Nissan UK, the dealer chain headed by Octav Botnar, was seeking to prevent the manufacturer taking over what the company claimed was its sole right to sell Nissan cars.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson ruled against granting an injunction and the case will go to arbitration in Japan. Costs for the ten-day hearing, likely to be more than £1 million, were awarded against Nissan UK but will not prevent Mr Botnar appealing against the judgment.

The Japanese company is spending £40 million to have its own distributor, Nissan Motor (GB), working next year and seems certain to attract 120 dealers independent of Mr Botnar's AFG dealer chain, owned by his Nissan UK company. Now that the High Court has cleared the air in the long-running dispute, even if only temporarily, it seems certain that other dealers will join the new Nissan dealer combine.

The judgment leaves Mr Botnar's group in turmoil, with 160 AFG garages relying exclusively on Nissan sales, a deal which will now be ended from December 31. Nissan UK said last night that the ruling would endanger more than 4,000 jobs unless other franchises could be agreed.

"We are extremely disappointed that the court has ruled that none of its disputes with Nissan can be ruled upon by the English courts and that it has refused to grant an injunction pending the outcome of foreign arbitration of these disputes," Nissan UK said. "An injunction would enable us to carry on business as we have done for 21 years until arbitration is complete."

Mr Botnar went into his legal battle after more than two decades of building up Britain as Nissan's most lucrative European market. In 1969, when Japanese cars were regarded as little more than a curiosity in Europe, he secured a deal to sell Datsuns. Sales in his first year were 1,200 cars. They were 106,000 last year, making Nissan the most successful Japanese car firm in Europe.

Nissan Motor (GB) said yesterday, however: "It is most welcome that the judge has ruled that there should not be an injunction. We can now proceed with the development of our company which will be responsible for distributing Nissan motor vehicles from January 1992."

MPs scorn proposal for EC income tax

By RICHARD FORD
AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

A EUROPEAN Commission proposal to introduce a Community-wide income tax was dismissed by British MPs yesterday as ridiculous. Such a measure, they said, would not pass through parliament.

In Germany last night a senior government official said that the tax plans amounted to an "undesirable centralism" to which the Bonn government was unlikely to show any sympathy.

In London, both Conservative and Labour MPs accused bureaucrats in Brussels of empire building. The proposal, which is to be put to the intergovernmental conference discussing monetary union, was greeted with incredulity by some Conservative backbench MPs. They questioned the political judgment of Peter Schmidhuber, the budget commissioner, who put forward the idea as a way of guaranteeing financial autonomy for the community.

Nicholas Budgen, Conservative MP for Wolverhampton South West, said there was danger in providing the EC with additional financial power, claiming that "massive" fraud was associated with EC handouts.

David Young, Labour MP for Bolton South East, said he would fight any proposal that would widen the EC empire.

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Tory MP for Selly Oak, said: "This is just typical of the non-elected bureaucrats in Europe, who spend their time trying to think up ways of taking away a country's nationality. Taxation is the bedrock of all democracies."

RSPCA criticised for saving beagles

By WILLIAM CASH

AN ATTEMPT by the RSPCA to find new homes for hundreds of beagles bred for animal experiments has been condemned as irresponsible by the Beagle Club.

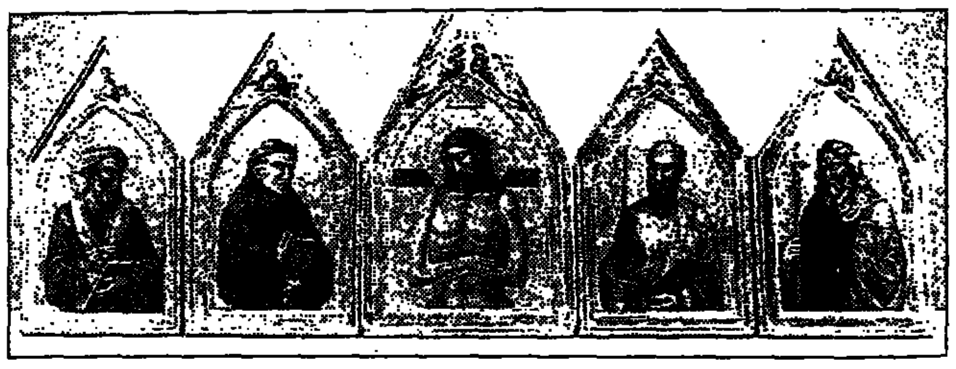
The 420 beagles are from Perrycroft Farm kennels, near Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, which the Home Office said yesterday had lost its licence to breed the dogs. The kennels were fined £11,000 in 1989 after 79 beagles out of 100 suffocated on a ship bound for Sweden.

Gavin Grant, RSPCA campaigns director, said yesterday that he was delighted at being given the chance to give the dogs a new lease of life free from the "sterile factory-farm existence they have long endured".

Prospective adopters whave been warned that none of the animals are house trained, they have never seen daylight and that previous human contact has been minimal. After discussions with Perrycroft directors and the company's liquidators, the RSPCA has agreed to pay for the upkeep of the animals until new homes are found.

The Beagle Club, however, has denounced the RSPCA scheme. David Webster, the club's secretary, said that in most cases adoption as a domestic pet would be highly unsuitable, and that most of the dogs, especially the older bitches, should be put down. Only puppies under about three months would be likely to turn into successful pets.

The initial response to the RSPCA appeal was said yesterday to have been overwhelming. Its Birmingham branch secretary had received 25 firm offers for the six puppies it had received so far from Perrycroft.



This haunting 14th-century altarpiece, possibly made for the great Florentine church of Santa Croce, doubled its estimate at Christie's yesterday, selling for £1.98 million (Sarah Jane Checkland writes).

The anonymity of the buyer sent waves of apprehension through the heritage lobby, which dreads the prospect of yet another campaign to save a major work of art from going abroad. After the failure of the £8.7 million Badminton Cabinet appeal, the export licence for that great piece of furniture awaits the trade minister's signature.

Centring on the figure of Christ as a Man of Sorrows, the five-panel Bromley Davenport altarpiece is considered to be a work of Giotto's pupil, Taddeo Gaddi. It was offered to raise money for the upkeep of Capesthorne Hall in Cheshire. The sale totalled £9.98 million, with 4 per cent unsold.

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Ashcroft coma

The actress Dame Peggy Ashcroft, aged 83, was "stable but unconscious" last night in hospital after suffering a stroke at her home in Hampstead, northwest London, on Thursday. Members of her family, including her former husband, Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, and her son and daughter, were at her bedside. She was given a special award for her life's work in the theatre earlier this year.

Dog death case

Richard Berry, aged 26, who is charged with assaulting the owner of a Staffordshire bull terrier that died in an incident at a flat in Leytonstone, east London, was ordered by Waltham Forest magistrates yesterday not to contact the dog's owner, Susan McEvoy, aged 36, or her boyfriend, Terry Power, 45. The case, in which he is charged with criminal damage to the dog, was adjourned for medical reports.

Bicycle study

Cambridge councillors proposing a limited bicycle ban next year as part of pedestrianisation in the city centre will examine a similar scheme in York on July 9. Tony Carter, chairman of the council committee that approved the scheme, said that the affected area was used by only between 3,000 and 4,000 cyclists a day, but by between 30,000 and 40,000 pedestrians.

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Travel agents' troubles deal body blow to Abta

Where does the travel watchdog Abta go now after making its director redundant? Harvey Elliott reviews its 40-year work and its future as a trade association

THE £1 million cut in the running costs of the Association of British Travel Agents, including the redundancy of its director general, could be the beginning of the end for the organisation.

Since it was formed in 1950 Abta has deliberately set out to create an image of stability and care in an industry which relies heavily on consumer confidence for its success. The past 12 months, which has seen the collapse of 25 tour operators and 70 travel agents have, however, seriously damaged that confidence and brought Abta itself to the verge of financial ruin.

Now the government is poised to take over one of Abta's main functions — the licensing and bonding of all travel companies, which, when in place by summer next year, will reduce the role of the association to little more than that of a trade grouping.

The trade and industry department will publish within the next few weeks a green paper outlining proposals for the creation of a new licensing body, probably based on the Civil Aviation Authority, which will have the power to demand detailed financial information from travel companies and to withdraw their trading licence if they appear to be in danger of collapse. The new body will also be responsible for running a new travel bonding scheme, probably organised through some form of insurance to guarantee that all package holidaymakers, whether travelling by air, land, rail or sea, are fully covered in the event of a collapse and will be repatriated without additional cost.

To provide the necessary funds to rescue the thousands who lost holidays when such unbonded or inadequately covered companies collapsed, Abta was forced to ask for an additional levy from its 2,900 travel agent and 700 tour operator members. That brought to a head a simmering discontent between the two groups, both of whom tend to blame the other group for the association's troubles and whose interests are often diametrically opposed.

Naturally John Dunscombe, Abta's president, who now assumes a bigger role in the organisation, claims that the association will continue to have a role in the future. "Obviously we are waiting with some bated breath for the green paper," Mr Dunscombe said. "Although it does seem that the government is going to take over one of our roles, we will continue to provide the interface between the tour operators and the travel agents and have learned over many years how to react quickly in bringing back people who may be stranded abroad. We will continue to provide the scrutiny of brochures and claims made by members which are vital in giving the public confidence and we will be able to put forward a united travel industry view on all sorts of matters to the government and the travelling public."

The association is, however, curtailing the activities of the conciliation unit within Abta, which, until now, has acted as an "honest broker" between disgruntled customers and travel companies.

Behind the scenes, however, the knives are being sharpened for a final battle between the tour operators and the travel agents with almost every specialist group within the overall umbrella of Abta, attacking others and the organisation itself.

Mr Dunscombe may find that he has only a temporary appointment.

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Judge criticises delay by councillor in bringing slander case

Jury clears Tebbit over nuclear-free comments

By Michael Horsnell

NORMAN Tebbit was cleared yesterday of slandering a left-wing Labour council leader whom he had accused five years ago of wasting £50,000 of ratepayers' money on a "damn-fool" anti-nuclear policy.

The High Court jury decided that the former Conservative party chairman did not defame David Bookbinder when he criticised him for overprinting nearly four million council envelopes with the slogan "Derbyshire county council is a nuclear-free zone".

Mr Tebbit, who had told the court that he had endured the sobriquets of Dracula and the Chingford Skinhead as part of the cut and thrust of political life without taking legal action, murmured thanks to the jury at the end of the five-day hearing.

Afterwards he said: "The verdict and indeed the judge's comments subsequent to the verdict speak for themselves. I would neither add nor subtract from them." Mr Bookbinder, aged 50, of Derby, who had claimed that the cost of overprinting the envelopes and an unknown amount of paper, some of it schools' stationery, was only minimal, was told by Mr Justice Drake that he would have to pay the costs of the proceedings, later estimated at £120,000.

He had claimed damages over remarks made by Mr Tebbit in 1986 at a campaign meeting in Matlock for the Conservative candidate in the Derbyshire West by-election.

Mr Tebbit had said: "The £50,000 spent on printing anti-nuclear statements on council schools' stationery was a damn-fool *idea. I hope that David Bookbinder has also told the Russians of* Derbyshire's nuclear-free policy. If not it is arguable that he has lost £50,000."

The remarks were reported in the *Derbyshire Evening Telegraph* the following day and there followed correspondence between the two men in which Mr Tebbit declined to make a public apology and retraction.

The jury preferred evidence given by Terence Shaw, aged 54, a senior printer with the council, that the cost of the exercise in man hours, machine time, other work which the council was forced to contract out and administrative expense was more than £70,000.

Mr Tebbit, who said his attack was on the councillor's policy and was fair comment on a matter of public interest, said that it was probable that the actual cost of the overprinting was more like £100,000.

After the case Mr Bookbinder said that he was very disappointed with the verdict. "Financially, there is an enormous strain for me now and I am not aware of the full facts of the costs yet," he said. "The case was brought because I and other people were so concerned about this matter because at the time there was considerable animosity and concern that this money had been spent."

Mr Bookbinder said he would take legal advice on whether to appeal on a point of law.

The case had been described by George Carman, QC, counsel for Mr Tebbit, as "*Hamlet* without the prince" after Mr Bookbinder declinied to enter the witness box to give evidence.

The judge criticised Mr Bookbinder and his solicitors for their delay in getting the case to court and said that letters sent on his behalf to the former Conservative party chairman in 1986 contained misleading statements that there had been no expenditure in the overprinting exercise.

He added that he did not believe that Mr Tebbit was ever misled by them and it was clear that the councillor's plea of "express malice" against Mr Tebbit was a hopeless one.

Mr Justice Drake refused an application by Mr Carman to make an order for costs against Mr Bookbinder on an indemnity rather than standard basis, which would have allowed Mr Tebbit to recover virtually all the costs incurred since the start of the dispute five years ago.

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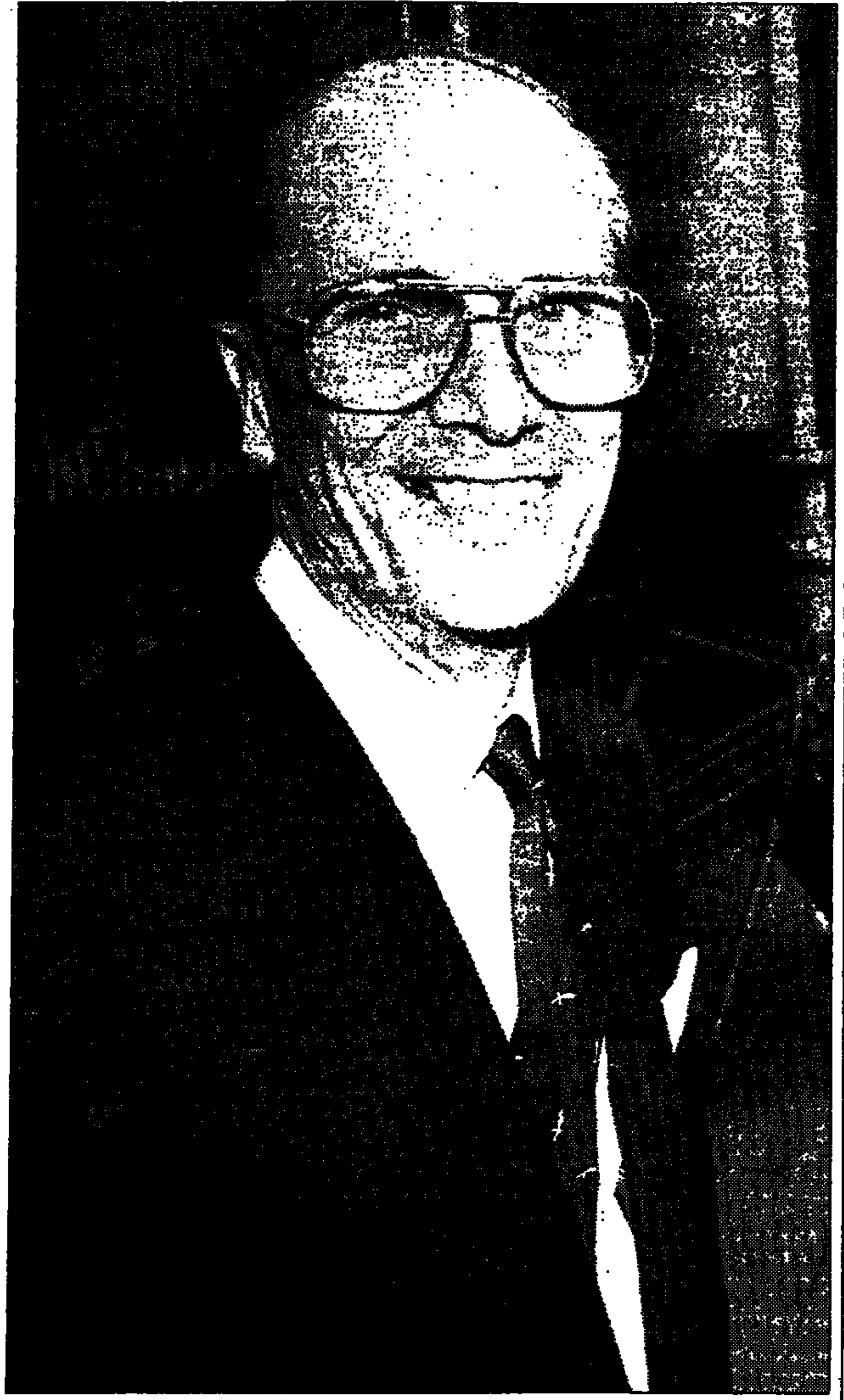

Victory smile: Mr Tebbit leaving court yesterday after being cleared of slander

Controversial veteran of civil courts

By Michael Horsnell

THE libel duel between Norman Tebbit and David Bookbinder is estimated to have cost something over £120,000.

It is more than twice as much as the figure at issue between the champions of right and left, who disputed the allegation that £50,000 of ratepayers' money had been wasted on the Labour council leader's anti-nuclear policy.

Bookbinder: long-running battle over poll tax

Mr Bookbinder, aged 50, a former market trader from Manchester who is credited as Margaret Thatcher's least favourite local councillor, is becoming something of a veteran of the civil courts, having taken legal action against about 20 people during his ten years as leader of Derbyshire county council.

A failed parliamentary Labour candidate three times in High Peak and Amber Valley, Mr Bookbinder has fought a running battle with the government over the poll tax. In March the council announced 2,000 job cuts to meet Whitehall spending targets and avoid being capped for a second year.

Mr Bookbinder called for "a moment's silence for the destruction of services in Derbyshire" as £16.6 million was slashed from the education budget, £750,000 in library services and support to the arts and museums, and a freeze on recruitment was announced in the county's hard-pressed and under-equipped police service.

At the same time, Mr Bookbinder, a member of the transport union and former secretary of Derby anti-apartheid, pledged not to raise the price of school meals, which have been frozen since 1981.

Earlier this month, Mr Bookbinder, a married man with two children and a fervent supporter of Manchester City, was criticised in a report by the government's watchdog over local authorities. The report, by Alex Smith, district auditor for the East Midlands, named him as the prime mover behind transactions involving the council's pension fund which saw a £2 million investment dwindle in value to less than £430,000.

Mr Smith expressed concern at "the unnecessary intrusion of (council) members into investment management matters", and his 11-page document described a series of transactions after the council invested £305,000 in the *News On Sunday*, the failed left-wing newspaper launched in Manchester in 1987.

It was difficult to avoid the conclusion, he said, that it was Mr Bookbinder's intention to disguise a loss arising from the potential liquidation of the newspaper.

The socialist council was meanwhile undertaking the ultimate piece of Thatcherite privatisation by selling off the corporate silver, as Harold Macmillan once accused Mrs Thatcher of doing. There was a controversial sale at Bonham's of Lowry's *Ironworks and Row of Children* for £45,000.

In July, the council is expected to auction three Rembrandt prints as well as etchings by Dürer and Goya. For what was seen as an act of cultural vandalism, Derbyshire became the first member of the Museums Association ever to be expelled.

Rolls may face legal action by staff

By Philip Bassett
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aerospace company which dismissed its 34,000-strong workforce to bring in a six-month pay freeze, could face legal action even though it has withdrawn its redundancy notices, according to a legal opinion published yesterday.

The first substantial legal opinion suggests that employees could obtain redundancy payments from the company of almost £6,000, stay in work, and still claim further redundancy money if they lose their jobs in the future.

Shop stewards from Rolls-Royce plants met company managers in Derby yesterday over the proposed pay freeze and 6,000 job cuts sought. The company agreed to seek voluntary redundancies if possible and will next week send a manager to meet employees at the Leavesden plant, near Watford, which is threatened with closure. Shareholder employees will try at the company annual meeting on Tuesday to remove four directors.

Although MSF, the technical union, agreed to drop legal action in return for withdrawal of the dismissal letters, a leading employment lawyer suggested yesterday that employees could still bring actions.

In the *New Law Journal*, John McGlyne, a senior lecturer at Cardiff law school in the University of Wales, says that the company cannot withdraw the notices without employees' consent, regardless of what their unions may have said. He suggests that industrial tribunals might well find against the company.

If employees decided to keep the new terms, including the pay freeze, offered by the company, they would get little or no compensation, Mr McGlyne says. But they could still get a basic award of up to £5,940, and, should the company make them redundant later, their continuous employment would let them claim full statutory redundancy payments although they had been received already.

☐ The Post Office yesterday urged abandonment of next week's planned four-day pay strike by 12,000 counter workers, which threatens to disrupt payment of pensions.

Arsonist cleared of Falkland hospital deaths

By David Young

CLIVE Shorters, a former soldier, was acquitted yesterday at the Central Criminal Court of starting a fire at the Falkland Islands hospital that killed seven patients and a nurse after the jury had been banned from hearing that he was a convicted arsonist and had been linked to three other fires.

Mr Justice Hidden refused to allow the jury to have access to that information because he considered it would prejudice his trial. The jury was also not told that Shorters is now detained without limit of time in a mental hospital, that he has an obsession with fire, had set his heart on being a fireman and in all six blazes he has been linked with was on hand to help put out the fires.

Shorters, a former lance-corporal in the Royal Army Medical Corps, helped to rescue Lilian Stancey, a pensioner, from the blaze and was praised for his efforts at the official enquiry into the fire at the King Edward V11 Memorial Hospital in Port Stanley chaired by David Calcutt, QC, in 1984.

The enquiry into the blaze at the hospital, which John Bevan, for the prosecution, described as the worst civil disaster in the island's history, found that the fire was started accidentally. However, detectives were convinced that the hospital blaze was arson.

Police became suspicious of Shorters after he began working at the Little Aston hospital in Sutton Coldfield, Staffordshire, which suffered two arson attacks. He started work there after buying himself out of the army in 1987. In September 1989, Shorters admitted at Stafford crown court that he was the culprit and was sent to a mental hospital.

After the case police discovered that before leaving the army he was in the vicinity of three other fires that mysteriously broke out in his barracks, but military police were unable to obtain enough evidence to prosecute him.

The prosecution at the Central Criminal Court was overruled by the judge when it applied before the trial began to have the evidence of the five fires put before the jury.

Shorters: jury not told of his convictions for arson

Shorters, aged 29, of West Bloxwich, near Walsall, was cleared of eight charges of manslaughter. He has maintained that he was not responsible for the fire.

Stephen Jennings, for Shorters, said: "He is obviously delighted and thanks the jury for their faith in him. It is right that the jury did not hear of his previous convictions. There are many questions still to be answered concerning the fire. Many people may think that Mr Shorters has been set up."

The families of the eight who died in the Falkland Islands hospital blaze, including the parents of a British nurse, are to pursue claims for damages, Andrew Gregg, their solicitor, said last night.

Sunday editor resigns

By Lin Jenkins

THE editor of *The Independent on Sunday*, Stephen Glover, resigned yesterday as journalists voted to accept a redundancy package linked to the merger of the staffs of the daily and Sunday titles.

Mr Glover is to leave the newspaper on Saturday. He has also resigned as executive director of Newspaper Publishing Ltd, owners of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*.

A statement issued by the newspaper said that he would edit the paper for one more week before the papers merged. It added: "Mr Glover, who opposed the integration of the papers, told his staff they could be proud of what they had achieved in producing a good Sunday paper which had, within a year of its launch, achieved a circulation of over 400,000."

A spokesman for the company said that journalists had accepted voluntary redundancy terms. About 35 are expected to lose their jobs.

Mr Glover said last night that he intended to keep the 342,000 ordinary shares he owns in the company.

Little help from a friend

By John O'Leary, higher education correspondent

HARD-UP Liverpool university students are to be offered John Lennon scholarships out of a £300,000 donation from Yoko Ono, his widow.

The idea of a fund for Liverpool students was first raised at the commemorative concert for Lennon in the city last year. It was later stipulated that the money should also be used to promote green issues. The fund will go largely to academically gifted students with financial hardships. The first awards may be made in October.

Professor Graeme Davies, the university's vice-chancellor, said: "We hope to set up a trust which will forever link the name of John Lennon with the University of Liverpool and the advancement of environmental issues, which were close to his heart."

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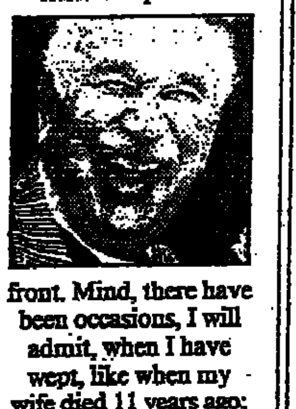

front. Mind, there have been occasions, I will admit, when I have wept, like when my wife died 11 years ago; but one was taught at public school to master one's feelings and, for the most part, I believe that's the way to behave.❜

Edmund Leopold de Rothschild, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Motorway murderer loses appeal against conviction

EDWARD Browning, who was jailed for life after being found guilty of abducting Marie Wilks on the M50 motorway and stabbing her to death, lost an appeal against his conviction for murder yesterday.

After the decision was announced in the Court of Appeal, Browning struggled with prison officers and shouted: "I am innocent. This is Machiavellian justice." He was still protesting his innocence as the officers bundled him from the dock.

Browning is serving a life sentence for the murder in 1988 of Mrs Wilks, aged 22, who was seven months pregnant when she was abducted from an emergency telephone kiosk after her car broke down on the motorway. Mrs Wilks's body was found three days later at the bottom of an embankment. She had been stabbed in the neck.

Lord Justice Glidewell, sitting with Mr Justice Poplewell and Mr Justice May, yesterday went through the facts and legal argument in the case. Browning, of Cwmparc, Rhondda, was ordered to serve at least 25 years by Mr Justice Turner after a Shrewsbury crown court jury convicted him in November 1989.

Mrs Wilks had been driving between Ross on Wye and her home at Warndon, Hereford and Worcester, after visiting her husband at a territorial army camp. Also in the car were her baby son and her 11-year-old sister. After the breakdown Mrs Wilks disappeared from a roadside emergency telephone kiosk. Other M5O users later saw her young sister walking on the hard shoulder, carrying the baby.

Browning said that he had driven to Scotland that day but not by the M5O route. Witnesses said that he had been in a foul mood before leaving the Rhondda Valley. Although he was not linked to the killing by scientific evidence, his silver Renault 25 car was linked to the M5O by a massive process of elimination. There was also evidence that Browning had a butterfly knife and had been seen practising opening the weapon.

Marie Wilks: abducted and murdered in 1988

Lord Justice Glidewell, in an 85-minute judgment, rejected all the grounds of appeal, which had been presented during an earlier hearing by Browning's counsel, John Griffiths Williams, QC. He said that the the evidence, though circumstantial, was properly admitted. It was capable of sustaining conviction provided that the jury was properly directed.

Criticisms had been made of the directions given by the trial judge but these could not be upheld, Lord Justice Glidewell said. It had been argued that the trial judge did not properly warn the jury to be cautious over evidence about the identification of the killer's car and personal appearance, but the case did not depend wholly on the personal identification evidence.

Later, Marie Wilks's family spoke of their relief at the decision. Pat Roberts, aged 55, Marie's mother-in-law, said: "I know God has punished the man who killed Marie. He not only killed her, he killed her unborn baby as well. It breaks my heart to think how Marie would have loved to see her children growing up."

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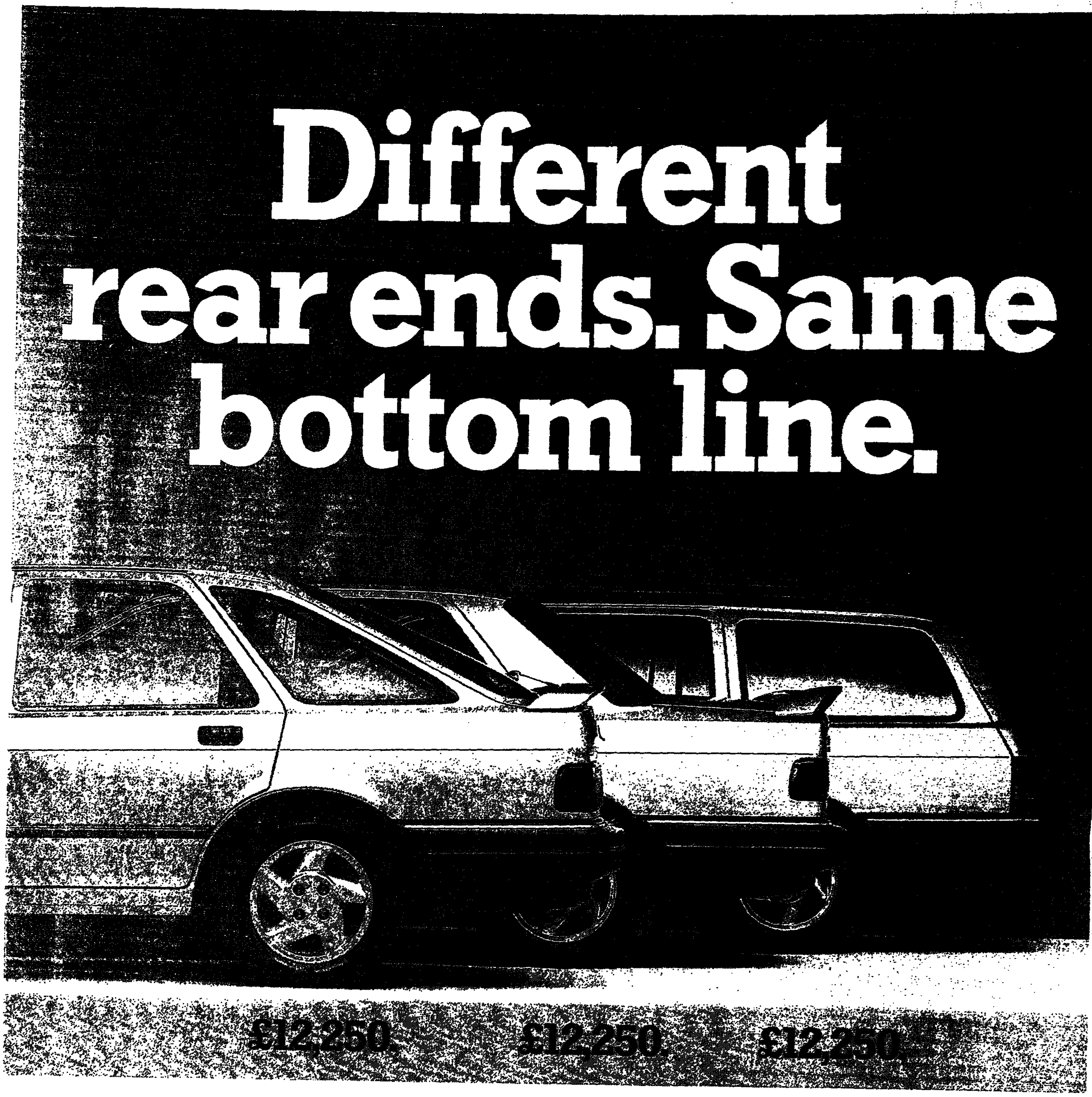

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City challenge plan 'will not stop continuing decline'

By JOHN YOUNG

THE Civic Trust yesterday described as inadequate the government's city challenge programme, announced on Thursday, under which 15 city authorities can seek a share of £350 million over the next five years for urban regeneration.

Martin Bradshaw, director of the trust, said that the programme did not respond adequately to the threat of continuing decline. The government had some way to go in forming a balanced nationwide policy.

The announcement was welcome in being long overdue, and in acknowledging a need for partnership between business and local authorities, Mr Bradshaw said, but the inner-city approach was too narrow. Further decline was to be expected in many seaside towns, and in traditional high streets undermined by out-of-town shopping developments. Only 36 of the 65 coal pits still open were expected to survive until 1995. The Single European Market could well have a drastic effect on Britain's industrial areas, with widespread job losses in the East Midlands, East Anglia, north-west England, Wales and Scotland.

Paul Davies, head of the trust's regeneration unit, said: "Government regeneration policy over the last ten years has missed many needy areas, and is least effective at the neighbourhood and community level. Regeneration means not only the redevelopment of an area, but a renaissance in people's lives." Ministers should recognise that community participation methods in trust regeneration schemes were "cost-effective, lever out significant investment and can revitalise areas".

Delegates to a conference organised by the trust in London yesterday were told by Sir George Young, minister for housing and planning, that the government was committed to regeneration. "If we ignore it, we waste resources and lose opportunities," he said. "If we do not tackle regeneration, communities decay, jobs are lost, homes are blighted, and the environment suffers."

It was no good tackling one problem in isolation. "It is of no benefit if we reclaim sites but do not improve the roads to reach them; if we refurbish the housing but do not equip those living there with the skills to obtain work, or do not improve the environment," Sir George said.

The city challenge strategy would concentrate resources in fewer areas, so as to place them more effectively, and it would introduce competition for additional resources to encourage councils to show imagination and competence.

Afterwards, Sir George said that he did not think the single European market would accentuate the drift of employment to the South-East, given the necessary transport links with the Channel tunnel. There would be changes, but these could be highly beneficial, such as freedom for British construction firms to tender for projects not just in other EC countries, but in eastern Europe as well.

Heseltine hails Tees site revival

By RONALD FAUX

MICHAEL Heseltine yesterday stood on a high embankment created by earth-movers beside the river Tees and said that the next best thing to a miracle had happened. This was the stop where, four years ago, Mrs Thatcher took her famous walk into an industrial wilderness before launching the campaign to revive inner-city areas.

Progress had been made, he said, that must have seemed inconceivable to the people of Teesside even three years ago. "It is not quite a miracle, but it is the next best thing we can do to it," he said.

Mr Heseltine arrived by helicopter on the 250-acre Teesdale site once occupied by Head Wrights, the iron master, and now emerging as a commercial, leisure and residential development in which £500 million of private capital has been invested.

He said that the transformation was an achievement for which Mrs Thatcher deserved to be congratulated. "The policies that we have worked on together in her government have been to bring new hope and the new creation of jobs and investment to these previously rather underprivileged parts of England."

The area, cradled in a loop of the river Tees, is now the flagship scheme of the Teesside Development Corporation and a centre expected to generate 8,000 jobs. Mr Heseltine brushed aside suggestions that the development was being carried out not by an elected authority but by an appointed development corporation. He said that the Tories had, through the new towns and development corporation, and to the envy of the Labour party, introduced new certainties into parts of Britain where they were badly needed.

There was nothing undemocratic about that, he said. It was not about money, but about how money was spent. There had been huge programmes in the past that had not delivered results.

"We have to address not success but failure. Things have got to be improved in the way we use the money and the results we get. We are not prepared to go on as we have in the past."

Asked about what happens to losers in the government's city challenge programme, in which a number of cities have been asked to compete for grants to aid urban regeneration, Mr Heseltine replied: "They try harder."

● About 100 poll tax protestors trapped Mr Heseltine in the doorway of a stationery shop yesterday while touring Newcastle upon Tyne.

His driver had earlier avoided the group but the protesters caught up with him when he got out of his car further up the road.

Transport at heart of London decline

By ALICE THOMSON

LONDON will become a second-rate European city unless urgent action is taken to restore its economic and social health, Margaret Hodge, chairman of the Association of London Authorities, told a conference yesterday on the city's decline.

"The message which is crying out from all the physical symptoms is that London is on the slide and is in need of some intensive care," she said.

The 200 delegates from both public and private sectors heard that the capital has Europe's worst traffic problems, with average speeds below 10mph, the most expensive public transport, and millions of square feet of offices and wasteland lying derelict.

They were discussing a report from the Henley Centre for Forecasting that says that unless London tackles its crumbling and chaotic infrastructure it will fall behind British and European competitors. Already, the report says, many firms have relocated to other parts of the South-East, and many people now live outside central London.

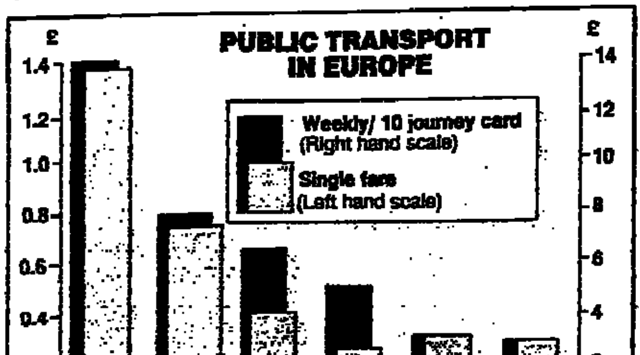
It highlights the deterioration of Underground and bus services as the chief problem facing London. Unemployment in the capital has increased by 41.3 per cent in the last year and the ratio of people out of work to vacancies is now the worst in Britain at 26:1.

John Rigg, director of the centre, said: "London has been hit harder by the recession, due to its greater reliance on the service sector than other areas". Its rate of growth and recovery would be slower over the next few years than the rest of the South-East and the nation as a whole.

Ms Hodge said she was deeply disappointed in the government's recent consultation document, which devoted a single paragraph to the capital. London had an "alphabet soup" of boards and committees responsible for London's decline, and she backed the report's conclusion that it needed a single institutional voice to bring about a new vision of the city.

Baroness Tessa Blackstone, master of Birkbeck College, also advocated a strategic authority, to help to give back a sense of direction and a proper transport system. "Forty-six per cent of Londoners do not want to live in the city," she said. "We must entice the middle classes and skilled working class out of the suburbs and Network South-East, and back into the city".

The London Economy: the Recession and After (Association of London Authorities, 36 Old Queen St, London SW1H 9JF)



MICHAEL POWELL

Spectacular task: Jonathan Stewart, creator of a giant Archangel Michael, pauses amid preparations for *Tosca* at Earls Court, London. The five performances at the end of June follow the success of *Aida* and *Carmen* at the exhibition hall, a setting more used to gleaming motor cars and energetic marines than grand opera. The cast will include 100 members of the Ambrosian Opera Chorus, 100 extras, 44 pupils of the London Oratory School and a further 32 local children. The National Philharmonic Orchestra will be conducted by Jacques Delacote. The audience will surround the stage in an amphitheatre style. Seat prices will be £45, £35 and £25.

Mackay pledge to Scottish solicitors

By KERRY GILL

THE proposed right of audience for solicitors in the higher Scottish courts, which has been criticised in legal quarters, will be strictly governed by training in practice and procedures, Lord Mackay of Clashfern said yesterday.

The Lord Chancellor gave his assurance at the admissions ceremony of the Law Society of Scotland. Solicitors who wished to acquire the right would have to satisfy the Law Society's council in areas that covered training in evidence and pleading, and in their knowledge of the practice, procedure and professional conduct in the Court of Session, the High Court of Justiciary, the House of Lords and the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

"The applicant will also have to satisfy the council that he or she is a fit and proper person to exercise such rights. The society is preparing its rules on training and knowledge of practice together with rules of conduct," Lord Mackay said. He could not predict when the first Scottish solicitor would achieve the new rights but said he was sure that their existence would provide greater encouragement to people entering the law to develop skills through continuing education.

Lord Mackay, speaking in Edinburgh, added that if professional standards were to be maintained, professional bodies owed a duty to their members to keep them up to date in their fields of practice. "An important way of doing this is through compulsory continuing education." Britain, he said, was on the threshold of important changes that afforded new opportunities for lawyers.

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Pensioner dies in head-on M5 crash

A pensioner was killed in a head-on car crash after driving along the wrong carriageway of the M5 for more than four miles.

Traffic police tracked the man's car via motorway surveillance cameras and sent patrol cars to the scene, but were unable to stop him in time. He crashed into an oncoming car three minutes after joining the M5 at the junction with the M4 at Almondsbury, near Bristol, on Thursday evening.

The other driver, a woman aged 23, from Pill, near Bristol, was taken to hospital suffering minor injuries and shock. The dead man was from Worcestershire.

Iraqis must go

Six Iraqi students at the University of Sussex in Brighton have been ordered to leave because they and their families owe £40,000 in course and accommodation fees. Brian Reynolds, university finance officer, said: "We can't just allow the situation to continue indefinitely."

Murder enquiry

Police launched a murder hunt last night after the death of a man found severely beaten on waste land near Aston Villa football club in Birmingham. The man, aged 40 to 60, was bleeding badly and died before reaching hospital.

Tourist raped

Police are seeking two men after an Australian tourist aged 22 was kidnapped and raped on her first day in London. The men dragged her from a pavement at Covent Garden on Monday blindfolded her and drove her away.

Sale dispute

Opposition councillors at Kingston upon Thames, southwest London, have accused Tory council leaders of incompetence over the £500,000 sale three months ago of an old people's home, which is now on the market for £1 million.

Raid foiled

Armed police foiled an attempted raid on a branch of Lloyds Bank in Dulwich, southeast London, yesterday, Scotland Yard said. A man has been arrested.

MP in hospital

Julian Critchley, Conservative MP for Aldershot, has been admitted to Frimley Park hospital at Farnham, Surrey, with a reoccurence of a painful back condition.

Duck race

Lady Sarah Clutton, daughter of Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, will start a plastic duck race on the river Arun in Arundel, West Sussex, on Monday in aid of the local Red Cross.

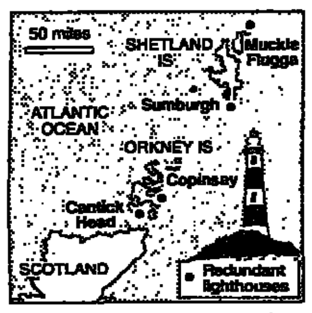
Homes with taste of the wild

By KERRY GILL

FOUR homes with unparalleled sea views have been put up for sale in Orkney and Shetland. They are former lighthouse keepers' houses made empty by the march of automation.

The Northern Lighthouse Board has already sold the Muckle Flugga shore station on Unst, Shetland, but three others remain: the lighthouses on Hoy and Copinsay, Orkney, and one overlooking Sumburgh airport on the most southerly point of Shetland.

The keeper's house at Cantick Head on Hoy, the desolate Orcadian island, is arguably the most sought after. Legend says that it is populated by Norse giants, trolls and witches. The three buildings for sale overlook Scapa Flow, where the German fleet was scuttled in 1919.



The houses are expected to fetch about £40,000. The isle of Copinsay, reached by a short boat trip, is a RSPB reserve with 200ft cliffs where thousands of kittiwakes and guillemots nest.

Alan Perkins, the board's administrative officer, said: "We have to be careful to time the sales correctly. Obviously, if we had put Cantick Head on the market in the winter, it might not appear so attractive. Reaching Copinsay by boat could be an experience during the winter."

The board, created in 1786, covers Scotland and the Isle of Man. It employed up to 600 lighthouse keepers in the middle of the last century but automation has cut numbers to about 60. Most of its funds come from dues paid by ships when they call at British ports. Mr Perkins said that any money raised by selling off the houses would help to keep ships' dues as low as possible.

Prospective purchasers may note that the lighthouse fog-horns have disappeared, as has Hughbo, the legendary flat-headed midget of Copinsay, believed to have fed on the bones of drowned seafarers. He is said to have been given a cloak by a farmer's wife and have vanished forever into the night.

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Polluted river kills hundreds of salmon

By WILLIAM CASH

HUNDREDS of salmon have died after a mystery pollutant turned a river green. Water bailiffs and dozens of volunteers helped to scoop the dead fish found floating on the surface of the Tyne at Wylam.

The National Rivers Authority is analysing water samples and carrying out tests on the fish, which included a few sea trout. A spokesman said that the incident was the worst to affect the river in recent years.

Millions of gallons of water were pumped through underground tunnels from the Kielder reservoir near by to flush the poison out of the area.

Simon Brough, water bailiff for Wylam Angling Club, said that many baby fish were killed, which could affect fishing for the next four or five years.

Millions of pounds have been spent recently on cleaning up the river, once nicknamed "Coaly Tyne" because of its industrial pollution. Last year almost 1,000 salmon were caught by fishermen along the river.

● Thames Water was yesterday fined a total of £1,000 with £200 costs for leaking 500 gallons of gas oil from a pumping station into a brook at Highgate, north london. The leak was due to a faulty gauge attached to tanks supplying oil to the generator. No wildlife were killed in the incident.

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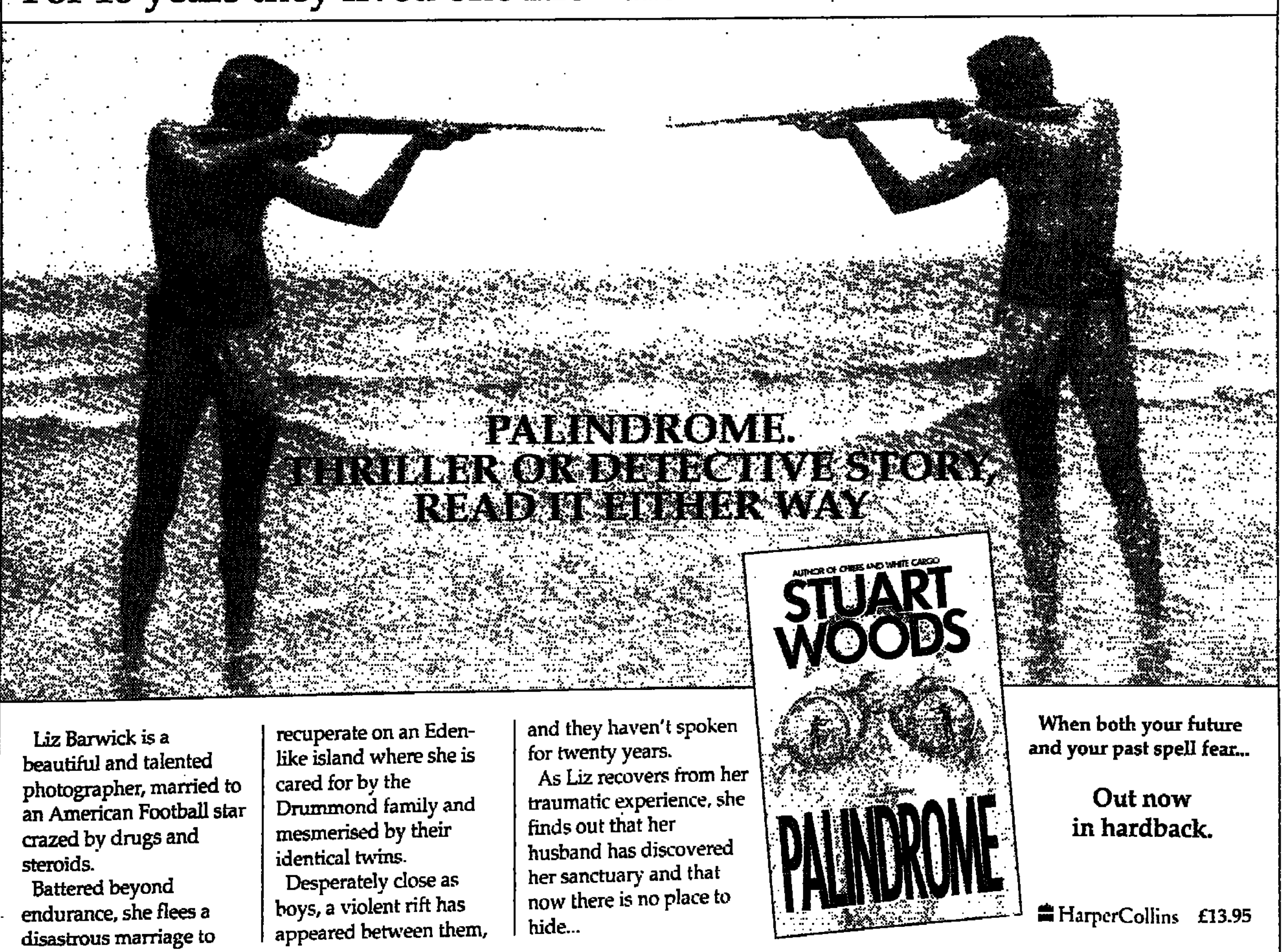
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Bush might offer Gorbachev grand gesture but no aid

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

SENIOR American officials said yesterday that they saw little prospect of large infusions of Western aid into the Soviet economy, but believed a way may yet be found to invite President Gorbachev to London for July's G7 economic summit to demonstrate strong Western support.

At Mr Gorbachev's request, President Bush will receive a top-level Soviet delegation next week and he is said to be genuinely interested in the plans it is expected to outline for reforming the Soviet economy. However, there is widespread scepticism within the administration about the so-called "Grand Bargain" idea under which infusions of Western aid would be given in Marshall-Plan-style in return for step-by-step implementation of economic and political reforms.

Not only do the industrialised nations have no spare cash, but Mr Gorbachev has no power to guarantee delivery of the reforms. The reason for a succession of conflicting signals from the administration this week has been its desire to demonstrate strong support for a Soviet leader who appears to be recovering his reformist bent and not, as Mr Bush put it on Thursday, to "pull the rug out from under him" by flatly rejecting his aid requests.

The administration, in consultation with Britain and other allies, is groping towards what one American columnist yesterday termed the "velvet refusal". Officials said this could well involve an invitation to Mr Gorbachev to come to London at the end of the G7 summit and make a presentation, but only after it had been made clear that he should not expect massive western aid.

What the G7 might offer Mr Gorbachev would be a strong statement of support for his reform efforts and measures like special associate status at the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, technical assistance on market-orientated reforms, advice on the development of energy resources and help in converting a military-industrial base to other uses.

The package would be "more symbolic than substantive", but it would help Mr Gorbachev keep a lid on his domestic pressure cooker and buy him precious time. Mr Bush and his officials will attempt to assess next week how serious Mr Gorbachev now is about implementing the radical reforms he rejected last autumn; Mr Bush, unwavering in his loyalty to Mr Gorbachev, is not averse to the sudden grand gesture.

Washington and Moscow also appear to be moving closer at last to a resolution of a long-standing dispute over the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty. A senior Western diplomat said that agreement on CFE could "change everything", greatly improving the prospects for co-operation in other fields.

Details of Soviet overtures to the G7 countries became public ten days ago with a claim by the radical Russian economist, Grigori Yavlinsky, that he had acted as an intermediary between President Gorbachev and the group during two visits to America in April. It was then disclosed that Yevgeni Primakov, Mr Gorbachev's special envoy during the Gulf war, and Eduard Shevardnadze, the former foreign minister, had used private trips to the US, and probably elsewhere, to put their president's case.

Mr Vitali Ignatenko, President Gorbachev's spokesman, was at pains to stress that the idea of trying to attract G7 co-operation had been President Gorbachev's, that he had overseen the whole initiative and that it went back "many months".

Vilnius racked by police desertions

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN VILNIUS

ELEVEN more policemen, believed to be ethnic Poles and Russians, yesterday deserted the Vilnius police force, a day after Soviet troops destroyed Lithuanian posts along the border with Latvia. The deserters took with them 40 automatic weapons and 10,000 rounds of ammunition, representing much of the police armoury.

Lithuania yesterday issued a warning to Moscow concerning the attacks on its border posts. Gedyminas Vagnorius, the prime minister, told the Soviet defence and interior ministries: "The patience of our people has its bounds, only a few steps remain before reaching open confrontation."

But Mr Vagnorius, who conferred in Moscow yesterday with Vitaly Doguzhyev, the Soviet deputy prime minister, responsible for negotiations with Lithuania, sent home a message describing the talks as "constructive".

The Lithuanian parliament met in a secret session to discuss its response to the latest Soviet move. Some radicals are pressing for Lithuanian border guards to be armed, but most deputies regard this as risking the kind of clash that the Soviet military has been seeking to provoke. As an interim measure, deputies have volunteered to guard the border posts in the hope of deterring further attacks.

The men who deserted the Lithuanian police yesterday have joined the "Black Berets", the Soviet interior ministry's special force, which is mainly staffed by local men who deserted from the Lithuanian police ranks in January. The force is led by a Lithuanian of Polish origin.

Their desertion was apparently triggered by Lithuanian government plans to implement a new law requiring the police to swear an oath of loyalty to independent Lithuania, and placing them under new commanders. On Thursday, the Soviet Procuracy in Lithuania said this was illegal.

Many policemen in Vilnius, and a large majority in the Polish-inhabited surrounding region, are ethnic Poles and Russians. Many continue to wear the hammer and sickle emblem on their caps, instead of the new Lithuanian national badge.

Lithuanian leaders fear that their desertion is linked to demands made this week for an autonomous Polish region in southeast Lithuania, and that the intention is to provide such a region with its own police force. There are also fresh fears that the next move by the Soviet military may be to seize the Lithuanian interior ministry.

Georgian leader seeks landslide election win

From BRUCE CLARK IN TBILISI

ZVIAD Gamsakhurdia, the leader of Georgia's independence drive, is counting on a landslide victory in tomorrow's elections to the republic's new executive presidency. "He could get as much as 90 per cent," said a Georgian government official. The republic proclaimed its independence from Moscow seven weeks ago and has been engaged in a tense war of nerves with the Kremlin since then.

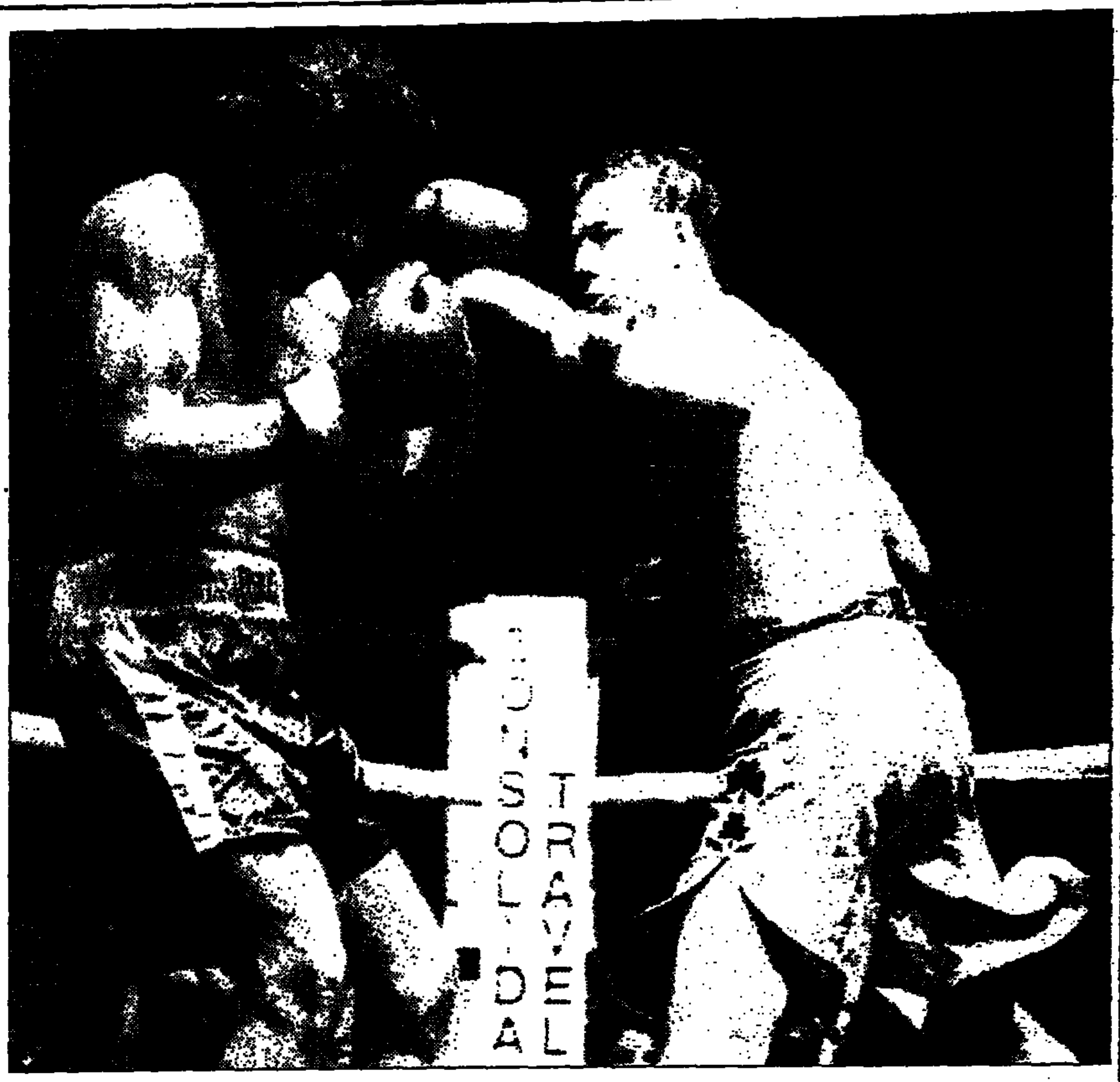
Supporters of President Gamsakhurdia say that a big vote in his favour will help strengthen moves towards full Georgian independence in the face of racial violence, economic decline and the effects of the April 29 earthquake. However, other Georgian nationalists, some of whom question the sincerity of his attacks on Moscow, fear that the president could use an election victory to consolidate an already totalitarian rule and that he would lock up more of his opponents.

The election winner will have a wide range of power to supervise Georgia's parliament, courts and security forces. Under a new law any one who insults the president can be fined heavily or jailed for up to three years. President Gamsakhurdia's rivals say he shares responsibility for ethnic tensions by not making clear his nationalistic stance, which has alarmed the 30 per cent of the republic's population that is not Georgian.

All six candidates are in favour of full independence and support privatisation and a market economy. They also hold Moscow at least partly to blame for stirring up ethnic conflict, which has cost about 200 lives in the mountainous region of Ossetia and could break out at any time in the coastal areas of Abkhazskaya and Adzharis.

While nobody questions that President Gamsakhurdia, a former political prisoner and the son of one of Georgia's most distinguished writers, still enjoys a big following, his support has dropped considerably since he became the republic's leader six months ago. His critics believe his vote could fall below 50 per cent if he were not boosted by the overwhelming support in the media which he still enjoys.

The president, an aristocratic figure who lives in a big family house surrounded by works of art, has accused his opponents of being agents of Moscow. His charge is so frequently made in Georgia that it has almost become a standard term of abuse. His critics counter that behind a smokescreen of anti-Moscow language, he has left most of the institutions of Soviet power intact, including those of intelligence-gathering and repression.



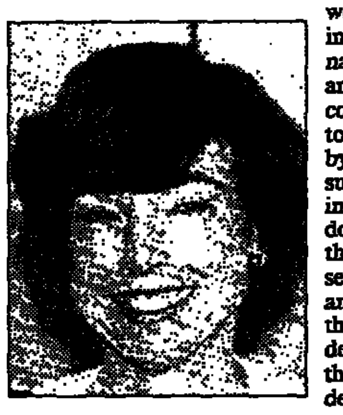
Punch lines: Mickey Rourke, right, who made a name for himself in films acting the streetwise rebel, showing he can deliver punches as well as his lines on his way to winning his first professional boxing match in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The star of *Barfly* and *Wild Orchid* climbed into the ring dressed in orange satin boxing shorts embroidered with small green shamrocks to fight a car mechanic, Steve Powell (Reuter reports). Rourke, who has fought some two dozen amateur matches, weighed in at 12st 10lb and used the nickname "Marielito", in an apparent reference to the 1980s Mariel boat lift in which more than 100,000 Cubans sailed to south Florida. Rourke graduated from high school in 1971 in Miami before going on to become a Hollywood star and member of the so-called "brat pack" group of young actors.

White House sees off trade critics

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE White House won an important victory against Congress yesterday when the Senate voted by 59-36 to extend President Bush's special authority to negotiate trade accords. The decision, which followed a 231-192 in the House of Representatives a day earlier, lent bipartisan support to the handling of America's interests in international trade liberalisation talks by Carla Hills, the White House trade representative.

Mr Bush had argued that the "fast-track" authority, which will allow him to submit trade packages to Congress for a vote, was essential to revive the stalled Uruguay Round talks in Geneva and to start negotiations with Mexico and Canada on a North American free trade zone.



Hills: vote lends bipartisan support for Gatt talks

The US and Europe have been embroiled in a dispute about agriculture subsidies. Without extended fast-track authority, many of the 106 other participants in the Gatt talks feared members of Congress would amend a final trade package to protect industries

The Uruguay Round negotiations are the most ambitious ever undertaken by the world's non-communist trading partners to reform international laws, taking in new areas such as patents and copyright. The talks also aim to help developing countries by removing many of the subsidies by governments in industrialised countries on domestic exports. In return, the wealthier countries are seeking greater investment and banking opportunities in the developing world. The decisions on fast-track authority followed months of debate.

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US court moves against abortion

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

ABORTION has resurfaced strongly as a political issue in America after a supreme court decision to forbid clinics that receive federal money from giving women any information about how to terminate an unwanted pregnancy.

Doctors have complained that the 5-4 Supreme Court ruling this week violates their constitutional right to freedom of speech. Supporters of abortion have argued that the decision further widens a gap between the medical services available to rich and poor, especially blacks who cannot afford the high costs of private medical treatment or health insurance. But the court ruled that the government has a right to say how its money should be spent.

The rules against counselling on abortion at federally-subsidised clinics date back to 1988 when the Reagan Administration said that abortion should not be considered a method of family planning. The crucial vote this week came from David Souter, a justice appointed last summer by President Bush as the court appeared to be moving toward a consensus that a woman's right to an abortion, established in the Roe vs Wade case of 1973, should be overturned.

The ban was a victory for Republicans ahead of Mr Bush's expected bid for a second term in office. Conservatives have sought assurances that the president will take a tough line.

The four dissenting justices included Sandra Day O'Connor, the court's only woman, who struck down an entire package of abortion rules for the first time. Democrats criticised the decision as cutting into an individual's rights, while religious and conservative groups now believe that they were likely to win their emotional battle to end legal abortion.

Even if asked about abortion by a pregnant female client, doctors are supposed to give a standard reply without any counsel. The family-planning group, Planned Parenthood, has said it will forego $36 million a year in federal aid in order to avoid having to comply. Rachel Pine, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union, described the ruling as giving the government a virtual "blank cheque to manipulate information in any government programme".

Euromania haunts language of food

From GEORGE BROCK
IN BRUSSELS

EUROCRATS are trying to interfere with the hallowed language of food. Outraged members of the European Parliament have told them to stop rewriting the law on which sprouts can be called Brussels sprouts.

Ken Collins, Labour MEP for Strathclyde East, has asked the European Commission to withdraw a proposal which would require eccles cakes to come from Eccles, the Brussels sprout to come only from the Belgian capital and hamburgers to hail from from Hamburg. He describes the draft regulation on the "protection of geographical indications and designations of origin" as "meddlesome, unworkable and unnecessary".

In a clumsy attempt to tell consumers about the quality of a product the commission has proposed that any product containing a placename should be "produced or processed in the corresponding geographical area". Mr Collins' splendidly indignant polemic on behalf of Dundee cake and Peking duck explains why the regulation would be unworkable. Limiting himself only to English usage, he lists cakes from Eccles, Dundee and Pontefract, frankfurters and Yorkshire pudding. "Is the commission seriously suggesting," he writes, "that in future they can only retain these names if produced in the places whose name they bear?"

The planned edict in the use of generic names is an attempt at thought control, Mr Collins says. "If people choose to call a particular pastry filled with meat, potato and carrots a 'Cornish pasty', this is because they find it simple and convenient to do so. You cannot control this process by legislation."

Sometimes, however, Jacques Delors, president of the commission, must wonder if he can ever succeed in pleasing anybody. He is now in trouble with the European Parliament's animal welfare group for refusing to *extend* community laws to Europe's 1,000 zoos. The commission has been discussing suggestions that the community should lay down minimum welfare and safety standards for zoos for a couple of years. But M Delors and one of the German commissioners have now stalled the idea on the grounds that the issue should be left to national governments.

Russian energy workers threaten unrest

Moscow — Independent trade union leaders in the Russian Federation said yesterday that oil and gas workers were considering industrial action in support of demands for a 100 per cent pay increase for the sector's 2.7 million personnel and a switch to market prices for their output. Wholesale prices on the Soviet market are heavily subsidised and far lower than world levels (Mary Dejevsky writes).

The crucial sector produces the bulk of the Soviet Union's hard currency earnings. The workers' demands also include the right to sell a proportion of their output themselves, either on the domestic market or abroad, and the transfer of the sector to the jurisdicaiton from the central authorities to the Russian Federation. Both demands would bring oil and gas into line with the coal sector.

Oil and gas workers claim that wages in comparable industrial sectors have almost doubled in recent months, while theirs have remained the same, despite steep increases in retail prices.

Their leaders are holding talks with the government. The energy sector is one of the "basic industries" in which strikes were last week outlawed by presidential decree.

Army accused

Belgrade — The presidency of Slovenia accused the Yugoslav army of planning action against that republic's territorial defence. The accusation came after an incident on Thursday when military police arrested three Slovenes during a tense meeting between local authorities and army leaders.

Bases to close

Bonn — The Bundeswehr is to close 213 of its bases in the western part of the country by the end of the century. Gerhard Stoltenberg, the defence minister, announced yesterday that the armed forces would be reduced from their original Nato strength of 490,000 to 370,000 at 475 western and 142 eastern bases.

Kohl demand

Berlin — Chancellor Kohl demanded that former communist officials of East Germany who took children away from political offenders be brought to justice. But Berlin city officials said it was unlikely that anyone would be prosecuted since they had acted within East German law. *(Reuter)*

Alien challenge

New York — Choichiro Yatani, a Japanes scholar, has gone to court in what is the first challenge to alien blacklisting since last year's US Immigration Act. He wants his name removed from the McCarthy-era list. About 367,000 aliens were reportedly listed in 1990, 69 per cent on ideological grounds. *(Reuter)*

Gang execution

Rome — The 15-year-old boss of a Naples gang allegedly shot dead a rival in what police said was a Mafia-like execution between adolescent extortion gangs. Alberto Signorelli, aged 14, was shot twice in the back of his neck. His body was found in countryside north of Naples. Police have arrested the suspected killer. *(AFP)*

Drugs sentence

Miami — William Saldarriaga, aged 47, a Colombian businessman and co-defendant in the drug trafficking case of the deposed Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega, has been sentenced to two 20-year prison terms, the maximum sentence allowed by law, for conspiring to import cocaine. *(Reuter)*

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Gandhi team reconstructs the body of bomb suspect

From ADAM KELLIHER IN MADRAS

INDIAN forensic scientists yesterday reconstructed the body of Rajiv Gandhi's alleged killer, a dusky young woman whose identity is the key to tracking down the plotters behind the assassination of the former prime minister.

Her corpse will remain at the Madras central mortuary until a team of 25 experts, commanded by the special investigation bureau, finds out who she was and whether she detonated about 3¼lb of plastic explosives, presumably strapped to her waist.

Police would not let any one enter the mortuary yesterday. Officials are interviewing the estimated 6,000 people who attended Gandhi's last political meeting. "It's too early to expect a breakthrough," said a senior investigator. "Until her identity is established, we can't say we will have one. The rest is all talk."

The *Hindu* newspaper, published in Madras, reported yesterday that a denim belt worn by the woman suspect contained a plastic explosive used in military operations, known as C1, C2, C3 composition. Its main constituent is RDX (cyclotrimethylene trinitramine). The newspaper quoted forensic experts as saying that the assassination was a professional job, probably involving more than one person. The Press Trust of India also said that RDX was the explosive involved.

Subodh Kant Sahay, the federal minister of state for home affairs, said on Thursday that a woman suicide bomber with explosives wired to her body was the key suspect, and that the device was designed to explode if she leaned over. A wire, a spring and an imported battery had been found among the remains of the woman's torso, Mr Sahay said.

The *Hindu* quoted experts as saying that the explosive was highly malleable and could not be traced by conventional metal detectors. Investigating agencies at the scene had collected bits of the explosive and hundreds of steel pellets, similar to the ones embedded in the body of Gandhi, the report said. P. Chandra Sekharan, the director of the Tamil Nadu forensic sciences department, was quoted as saying that the assassination was executed in a way which indicated the involvement of more than one person.

A photograph of the suspect, taken at the Gandhi election rally in Sriperumbudur on Tuesday night a few minutes before the bomb attack, wore glasses and was aged about 25. She had a look of calm expectation as she waited for the Congress (I) leader to arrive for the evening meeting in the town, about 30 miles from Madras.

Sriperumbudur will now become a place of political pilgrimage, and workers yesterday began constructing a barricade around the site where Gandhi died, as a first step towards building a monument. Facing the campaign dais that Gandhi never reached is a statue of Indira Gandhi, his mother, who was killed by her Sikh guards in 1984. Gandhi had lived cordoned by tight security since then, which he decided to loosen in order to shed his image as a remote leader during this election.

Senior Indian officials say preliminary evidence points to the involvement in Tuesday's attack of the Tamil Tigers, who are fighting for an independent homeland in neighbouring Sri Lanka and have widespread support in Tamil Nadu, which is home to 50 million Tamils. The officials say they have no conclusive proof that the guerrillas, who have denied involvement, were responsible. Sri Lanka has promised to help India investigate the assassination.

Looking calm: the woman suspect, right, a few minutes before the blast which killed Gandhi

Human shield: Black Cat security guards armed with automatic weapons walking beside the car carrying Sonia Gandhi during Rajiv Gandhi's funeral procession in Delhi. Contrary to Hindu tradition, which dictates that widows do not participate in the procession, Mrs Gandhi followed her husband's body to the funeral pyre.

As the flames of Gandhi's pyre were still dying down, his Congress (I) party began its search for a new leader, having been turned down by Mrs Gandhi (Christopher Thomas writes). The aim is to move swiftly, before the faction-riven party splits. Indeed, the party's working committee, the senior policy-making body, which assembled as soon as the funeral was over, faced an immediate demand by eight members of the Rajya Sabha, the upper house, to convene a meeting of chief ministers and other senior party figures to make a second approach to Mrs Gandhi.

The other leading contenders include N. D. Tiwari, a former chief minister of the important northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

The election commission yesterday confirmed that the Indian poll would continue with further rounds of voting on June 12 and 15.

Major is cast as airport saviour

From JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

JOHN Major is likely to be asked to intervene over the future of Hong Kong's £9.5 billion port-and-airport project after the failure of talks between Britain and China.

Local sources say the negotiations have become so bound up with Peking's demand for a say in the colony's affairs before it reverts to Chinese control in 1997 that the prime minister may feel that only a direct approach to Li Peng, his Chinese counterpart, will pave the way for an agreement. Attempts by Sir David Wilson, the governor of Hong Kong, in January, and the foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, in April, failed to make headway, leaving an approach at the highest level the only hope for a swift resolution.

A foreign office team returned to London empty handed on Thursday after a further round of tough negotiations, with the Chinese claiming the ball was now in Britain's court. It is feared that China will block all progress on the port and airport until Britain gives Peking a measure of control.

Manila accused on child deaths

Manila — Philippine military bombing in a northern valley is estimated by human rights groups to have directly caused the deaths of 74 children, and has also led to cases of disease and malnutrition, some fatal, among many more (Vaudine England writes).

Aerial bombardment began against insurgents in Marag valley, in Kalinga-Apayao province, last October. The initial operation caused the death of ten government soldiers, and of only two communist guerrillas.

Death penalty

Hong Kong — Three people have been executed in the central Chinese city of Chongqing, including Yang Chiqing, the chairman of a state-run radio factory, for accepting bribes and misappropriating public funds. *(Reuter)*

Trade feud

Tokyo — The war of words between Tokyo and Paris over trade continued yesterday when Eiicho Nako, the trade minister, attacked Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, over her country's "closed" markets. *(Reuter)*

Raw deal on whale menu

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

FOR the Shibatas, an ordinary middle-class Tokyo family, the ultimate tastebud treat is a trip to Kujira-ya, the exclusive whalemeat restaurant in Shibuya, central Tokyo. While the children sink their teeth into chunks of whale bacon and pieces of tongue, their parents toy daintily with slivers of raw whale steak, served on a bed of seaweed.

For the main course, they guzzle their way through a steaming casserole of whale tail, tongue and stomach, and then fish around in the sauce with their chopsticks for the cubes of blubber. Chomping the meat is no stranger to them than munching frogs' legs is to the French. The only reason they restrict their blubber blowouts to an annual treat is the prohibitive cost — a whale feast with all the trimmings can run to more than £100 per head.

However, the Shibatas may soon be too ashamed to admit their liking for whale. A survey published yesterday revealed that 63 per cent of Japanese favour an end to the slaughter of whales. The poll was timed to coincide with the opening in Reykjavik on Monday of the annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission. It will help opponents of Japan's proposal to resume commercial whale hunting.

The Japanese, who have long been vilified as heartless hunters of endangered sea mammals, have continued to catch more than 300 minke whales a year, despite a five-year moratorium on commercial whaling. To help to defray the costs of research, Japan's "scientific" whalemeat is sent off to market. Apologists for the Japanese whaling programme claim there are abundant stocks of the minke whale, unlike the endangered humpback. Anti-whaling scientists dispute this.

In shops near the Shibatas' favourite restaurant, whales have recently become a new icon of good environmentalism. Paraphernalia, such as whale clothing and recordings of whale songs, are selling because whales are considered cute. In the end, the profit motive may succeed in Japan where righteous indignation has failed in the past.

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West urges rebel army to spare Addis Ababa

From DAVID CHAZAN IN ADDIS ABABA

BATTERED and bedraggled Ethiopian soldiers were retreating to Addis Ababa yesterday in the face of rebel advances, with Western powers increasing pressure on the guerrillas to hold back from storming the city. American-mediated peace talks open in London on Monday in an effort to save Ethiopia from factional warfare.

In Addis Ababa, small groups of students took to the streets of the capital soon after the curfew ended at 5am, chanting "Mengistu liar, Mengistu runaway" in an outburst of contempt for the president who fled the country on Tuesday. The 14 years of President Mengistu's harsh rule were marked by famine, carnage in Africa's longest war and ruthless purges.

Rebels of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, which recently discarded orthodox marxism modelled on Albania for a democratic platform, have rejected the government's call for an immediate ceasefire in the wake of the president's flight to Zimbabwe. But it is reported that they have promised Washington not to enter Addis Ababa. Assefa Mamo, spokesman for the Ethiopian front in London, however, said that the movement had given no assurance that its fighters would not march on the capital, but it was committed to minimising bloodshed.

The rebels' continued advance has prompted fears of a bloodbath in the capital that would compound the woes of the country. The United Nations has suspended famine relief operations to the drought-hit north because of the upsurge in fighting in the past week.

The front said its fighters had reached Genet, 18 miles west of Addis Ababa. Some reports said groups of guerrillas had entered the suburbs, although there was no fighting in the city early yesterday. The front is also advancing from the northeast and southwest.

A Western diplomat said: "The rebels could have walked in two days ago. The government is powerless to stop them. The fact that they're not here yet could mean that they have paused. There is no sight or sound of them approaching." Addis Ababa was eerily calm, with restaurants, shops and schools open.

Residents are listening to twice-daily rebel radio broadcasts and have started stocking up on food, sending prices sharply higher. People are still hoping that the rebels will refrain from sacking the city. It has been made clear that the response to future requests for aid will be conditional on the rebels' actions now. *(AFP)*

Mengistu granted asylum

From REUTER
IN PARIS

PRESIDENT Mugabe of Zimbabwe yesterday granted Mengistu Haile Mariam, the ousted Ethiopian leader, political asylum in his country. Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu took refuge in Harare after fleeing Addis Ababa earlier this week.

Speaking in Paris after talks with President Mitterrand, Mr Mugabe said Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu had arrived after he left for Europe "but I will talk to him of course when I get home". Asked if he would be granted political asylum, Mr Mugabe replied: "Oh, naturally. Why not? We will discuss what his plans are but we are prepared on humanitarian grounds to offer him the necessary facilities."

Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu, who ruled Ethiopia for 14 years, fled on Tuesday as rebel forces moved on his capital. He became close friends with President Mugabe in the late 1970s when his forces trained guerrillas fighting for Zimbabwe's independence, official sources in Harare said.

Marching in: Eugene Terre Blanche, the neofascist Afrikaner leader, arrives with his bodyguards at the Pretoria talks

De Klerk attacks ANC boycott

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT de Klerk yesterday accused the African National Congress and other organisations that have boycotted the South African government's two-day summit on *violence of playing politics* while "many places in our country are standing ankle-deep in blood".

The president, delivering an opening address at the conference in Pretoria, said that although the government accepted final responsibility for controlling violence, there was a perception that it was only now starting to address its causes. That was totally incorrect. Millions of rand had been spent on expanding the police force and billions set aside to deal with the underlying socio-economic causes.

"In spite of this, violence and intimidation persist. More is needed and that is what this conference is all about," President de Klerk said. The conference could not produce a magic formula, as there were no instant solutions. Pretoria had called the summit in response to an ANC *ultimatum to break off* power-sharing talks, which it announced last week, unless its demands over ending the violence were met. The organisation refused to take part as it said it was not consulted, and because the government, as a party to the violence, was not the proper authority to convene the conference.

Although the ANC's chief rival, the Inkatha Freedom party, is attending, the talks are being boycotted by the South African Communist party, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the Pan Africanist Congress, the Azanian People's Organisation, the South African Council of Churches, some black homeland leaders, the white opposition Conservative party. But the neofascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement, led by Eugene Terre Blanche, is taking part.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, told delegates that his organisation was not generating the violence, but was a victim of it. He said he had never heard of any Inkatha decision to use violence as a political strategy, although frightened and threatened people did react in a human way by retaliating.

The Zulu leader suggested that the conference should set up a secretariat to pursue matters discussed. The conference should aim to keep the ANC in the peace process, he said, adding: "No one leader, no one organisation, nor combination of leaders or organisations, will put an end to violence on their own. We need to develop a national will to shame violence out of existence."

● CAPE TOWN: Seven prisoners were freed yesterday on the orders of Mr de Klerk as the government moved to neutralise a hunger strike campaign by dozens of inmates claiming their freedom as political prisoners (Stephen Taylor writes). Pretoria, which had previously insisted that the cases would be considered next month, said they were being released on the advice of a committee of judges.

However, the rapid deterioration in the hunger strikers' health was clearly a factor. Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu said that the government had accepted that if a hunger striker died it would seriously jeopardise the chances of political negotiations.

Castro signals retreat to siege economy

Cuba is enlisting its troops who are returning home from the battlefields of Africa to hold the Havana fort for socialism. **Charles Bremner** reports

THE last Cuban troops pull out of Angola today, quietly closing an 18-year adventure that was supposed to help to turn Africa into a shining continent of socialism and win glory for President Castro and his revolutionary people.

As they leave a continent which is committed once again to the ideas of the free market, the *internacionalistas* as the expeditionary brigades called themselves, are flying on to shore up "revolutionary gains" in another desperate Third World state — their own. Dr Castro, now disowned by Moscow and almost all the "vanguard" states he used to champion, has his back to the economic wall.

He is depending on the returning troops to use their experience to help to lead what he calls the "zero option". *This is* the doomsday plan for Cuban survival after a cut-off of crucial supplies.

Cuba's western army was training outside Havana this week to operate under minimal survival conditions. This involves the ingenious use of wood, charcoal and sugar cane stems for making gas to run power generators and vehicles.

The chief mission of the wood-fired army is to defend the island against invasion by the United States. Many young Cubans still believe the marines are just waiting for good tides and winds.

"Socialism or death," Dr Castro bellowed this week on the 89th anniversary of Cuba's independence from Spain. "The Yankees will never go back to being the owners of this sacred nation." Every last Cuban would shed his blood to resist such a fate, he assured his people.

President Bush chose Independence Day on Sunday to challenge Dr Castro. "Freedom and democracy, Mr Castro! Not sometime, not someday but now!" he told Cuba in a broadcast.

Despite Dr Castro's assertions, several thousand Cubans have been voting with their feet this year in the biggest exodus from the island since the Mariel boatlift of 1980, when he shipped 125,000 across the water, many of them criminals and mental misfits. So *far more* than 600 Cubans have crossed the 90-mile straits and American officials say Dr Castro is condoning the departures as a safety valve.

As Moscow and East Europe have cut to a trickle their supplies to Cuba, Dr Castro has grown more committed to taking his country back to the pre-industrial age. Students *are* being sent to work in the fields because socialism, the Cuban ideologues say, has failed only in industrialised countries.

Such thinking is provoking increasing impatience from the Soviet Union. Last month, Moscow radio likened Dr Castro to a "Japanese soldier who, somewhere in the Philippines' jungle, continues to guard some arms dump, *oblivious to the fact that* the second world war ended some decades ago".

It is a far cry from the internationalist rhetoric that surrounded Cuba's foray into Africa in the early 1970s. Within a short period, some 50,000 Cuban forces had been stationed across the continent.

In Angola, where the once-marxist MPLA government is now moving to the free market and open elections, they helped to hold off the South African-backed Unita force. Their departure was arranged under the 1988 peace accord with South Africa.

Iraq glosses over Kurdish fears

From ANDREW FINKEL IN NORTHERN IRAQ

IRAQI government workers were repainting the zebra crossing in Dahuk last week, a strange priority in a city where only two months ago Iraqi government troops were systematically dynamiting an entire neighbourhood.

It was an illusion of normal life conjured up by Baghdad to impress a well-armed American-led assessment *team* intent on seeing Kurdish refugees return safely to their homes. A party from the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan watched open-jawed as a patrol of Royal Marines emerged from the undergrowth. Someone who has spent his adult life trying to wrest control of these hills from Saddam Hussein could hardly believe the sight. The countryside of northern Iraq is alluring but dangerous.

The cool nights provide relief from the approaching summer heat and the green hills are dotted with delicate pink scabious and blood-red poppies. As a disincentive to casual fell walkers the countryside is littered with anti-personnel *mines*.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bob Moyce, a marine commando whose job is now to provide for the refugees as they make the descent from their camps in the mountains, said: "Not everyone understands how complex this situation is. There are Arab refugees and Kurdish members of the Baathist party." His view is in line with the concensus among those who command him in the field: that if the Allied forces intend to stay in northern Iraq until they have a solution to the Kurdish problem, they might be there 200 years.

Judging by just how far Kurdish partisans can lure the Allies into protecting their political aspirations remains a delicate task for a fractured leadership, which, in the words of one commentator, "has never missed an opportunity to miss an opportunity". With the eyes of the world upon them, however, the foot soldiers of Kurdish autonomy, the peshmerga, believe that for once they have a strong hand and that the allies cannot pull out until they have provided workable guarantees.

One peshmerge from the Kurdish front's new headquarters, a building once inhabited by the Baathist party, in the town of al-Amadiyah, said: "Why have they come? — they came for a purpose." The Allies stated purpose is "to expedite the *movement of Kurdish displaced* persons directly to their houses".

The difficulty remains how to expedite their own journey home. No one is confident that the Iraqis are so demoralised that they will not seek future retribution from the Kurds when the West's back is turned. "I've never seen fear like this. They are absolutely petrified of Iraqi authority," Brigadier Andrew *Keeling said. Even so, he* believes the security zone is working. At the first meeting he convened of a committee of local leaders, all the peshmerga were carring arms. At the meeting he attended that day, they came unarmed.

Improvisation plays no mean part in Allied efforts. What plumbing the Brigadier's commandos enjoy in their makeshift headquarters is the result of plundering an *apple juice factory, which was* furnished with machinery they believe the Iraqis took from Kuwait. On the political scale improvisation means obliging Iraqi forces to leave Dahuk, which was never in the original plan.

Bodies believed to be BBC crew

By JAMIE DETTMER

THE bodies of two people, believed to be members of a BBC television news crew who disappeared two months ago while covering the Kurdish rebellion, have been discovered in a mountainous area in northeast Iraq by Royal Marine commandos.

The bodies, which were found late on Thursday after a tip-off, have not yet been formally identified, according to a Ministry of Defence spokesman. They are to be flown back to Britain. Yesterday the BBC said it was seriously concerned by the discovery of the two bodies.

Leaflets appealing for information about Nick Della Casa, a journalist, and his wife and assistant, Rosanna, and brother-in-law Charles Maxwell, a soundman, were recently distributed in northern Iraq by the Royal Marines and BBC journalists and news executives. Relatives of the missing journalists visited Istanbul earlier this week to make enquiries.

The BBC last heard from the film crew on March 23 when they were in Yuksekova, Turkey, preparing to cross the border into northern Iraq to report on Kurdish refugees. They were last seen by other Western journalists on March 30 in Dahuk, Iraq.

"The Royal Marines were acting on information from a local who told *them he had* seen bodies in that area," a defence ministry spokesman said. "Military police have visited the area to try to find evidence of who the bodies are, and what happened to them."

Mother Teresa: invited by Iraqi government

Teresa goes to Baghdad

Geneva — Mother Teresa, who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her work on behalf of the sick in Calcutta, is to fly to Baghdad next week at the invitation of Saddam Hussein's government (Alan McGregor writes).

Announcing her trip yesterday as "good news", Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the UN relief co-ordinator for the Gulf, said she would travel on a UN flight leaving on Tuesday. About 30 UN security guards assigned to protect refugees in the north and south of Iraq will travel with her. The relief co-ordinator said agreement had been reached with Baghdad on sending about 500 guards.

Refugees return to Dahuk after deal on UN guards

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

MASS repatriation of Kurdish refugees to Dahuk, their provincial capital in northern Iraq, is due to begin today after Baghdad agreed to allow up to 500 lightly-armed United Nations guards to deploy in Iraq, where they are eventually expected to replace Western forces.

A small contingent of guards will also be stationed in Shia areas in the south, UN officials said yesterday. The guards will be sent to southern Iraq in the next five to eight weeks under an agreement signed in Baghdad on Thursday. Basra is one of five cities where the UN guards, carrying small side-arms supplied by Iraq, will be based. The others — *Dahuk, Arbil, Zakho* and Sulaymaniyah — are in the north.

Iraq gave a cordial welcome to a contingent of 20 American soldiers who arrived in Dahuk yesterday, according to Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Goff, who is in charge of allied operations in the city. The soldiers, to be joined by Dutch and British troops, will coordinate their efforts with 10 UN guards who arrived last *Sunday. Another 35 UN* guards are due to arrive on Monday.

The UN hopes to repatriate 3,000 Kurds a day, said Bernt Bernander, the organisation's special representative in Iraq who signed Thursday's agreement with government officials. The operation is expected to resolve the plight of the 400,000 Kurdish refugees who fled to Turkey. All but a quarter of them have now returned home; the rest are originally from Dahuk.

About 1.3 million Iraqi refugees are still inside Iran, where the difficulties of the relief operation were highlighted yesterday when a Bulgarian transport plane carrying 45 tons of supplies donated by Germany crashed, killing four of the ten Soviet crewmen. Tehran radio said the Soviet-built plane ran out of fuel and burst into flame when it attempted an emergency landing near the western city of Bakhtaran, the centre of the Iranian relief operation for hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees.

The UN guards will have no power to investigate and fall short of the police force that Britain and the United States wanted to replace Western troops. For the time being, protection for the Kurds in Dahuk will be provided by allied forces. Baghdad had vehemently opposed any Western presence in the city but gave in by stages. Iraq has agreed to allow a total of 173 allied soldiers, medical staff and engineers to stay in Dahuk for 21 days, where they will set up refugee reception centres, Colonel Goff said.

In New York, it emerged that the final decision on deployment of the UN force will be taken by Bob Ravalico, the chief of UN security in Geneva, who is travelling to Baghdad this weekend to head the operation. He will be accompanied by 30 UN guards, most of them team leaders who will start putting the agreement into effect.

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All gee'd up for Kuwaiti good life

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FOR an elite group of affluent Kuwaitis, the return of peace to the emirate means being able to enjoy the trappings of the good life again. Within days of the liberation in March, luxury American and German cars appeared on the roads of Kuwait City and there was a run on hiring domestic servants. Now the thoughts of the wealthy are turning to thoroughbred horses and the reintroduction of equestrian pursuits.

Kuwait's exclusive Hunting and Equestrian Club, which until recently was used to house hundreds of detained Palestinians, is slowly being repaired. Scores of wrecked vehicles, military and civilian, which litter the extensive grounds and hundreds of sandbags stacked around foxholes are being removed by foreign workmen. Plans are underfoot to replace the air conditioners *stolen from stables* by the Iraqis.

Lieutenant Fahd al-Ahmed was unable to repel the invading Iraqis last August from Kuwait, but he did manage to save his string of horses from being pilfered and taken to Baghdad. Yesterday at the club on the outskirts of Kuwait City, he reminisced about how he saved three of his five horses by keeping them in his garden during the seven-month occupation.

"They could only get one meal a day and two of them died of indigestion caused by *lack of exercise*," he said as he stood outside the boxes of two of his horses. "I did not mind the smell in my house. My horses smell better than Saddam Hussein."

Currently, there are only eight horses in the stables of the club, patronised by members of Kuwait's ruling al-Sabah family and its leading merchant families. Before August there were hundreds.

All eight horses still show signs of malnutrition. They approach an extended hand with caution. Once assured there are no hostile intentions, they compete for the stranger's attention by stretching their necks over the boxes or kicking the doors.

The lieutenant and grooms in other nearby stables say Iraqis arrived at the club early in the occupation and took away the rest of horses. Ahmed al-Mullah, a groom at another stable, said: "The Asian grooms *and stable hands left* the stables when the Iraqis came. But the Iraqi grooms stayed on and showed them the prize horses they should take.

"I say they took some 300 horses, all in all. But they did not take this beauty," he said as he stroked Risala, an eight-year-old mare. "This lady won 12 races."

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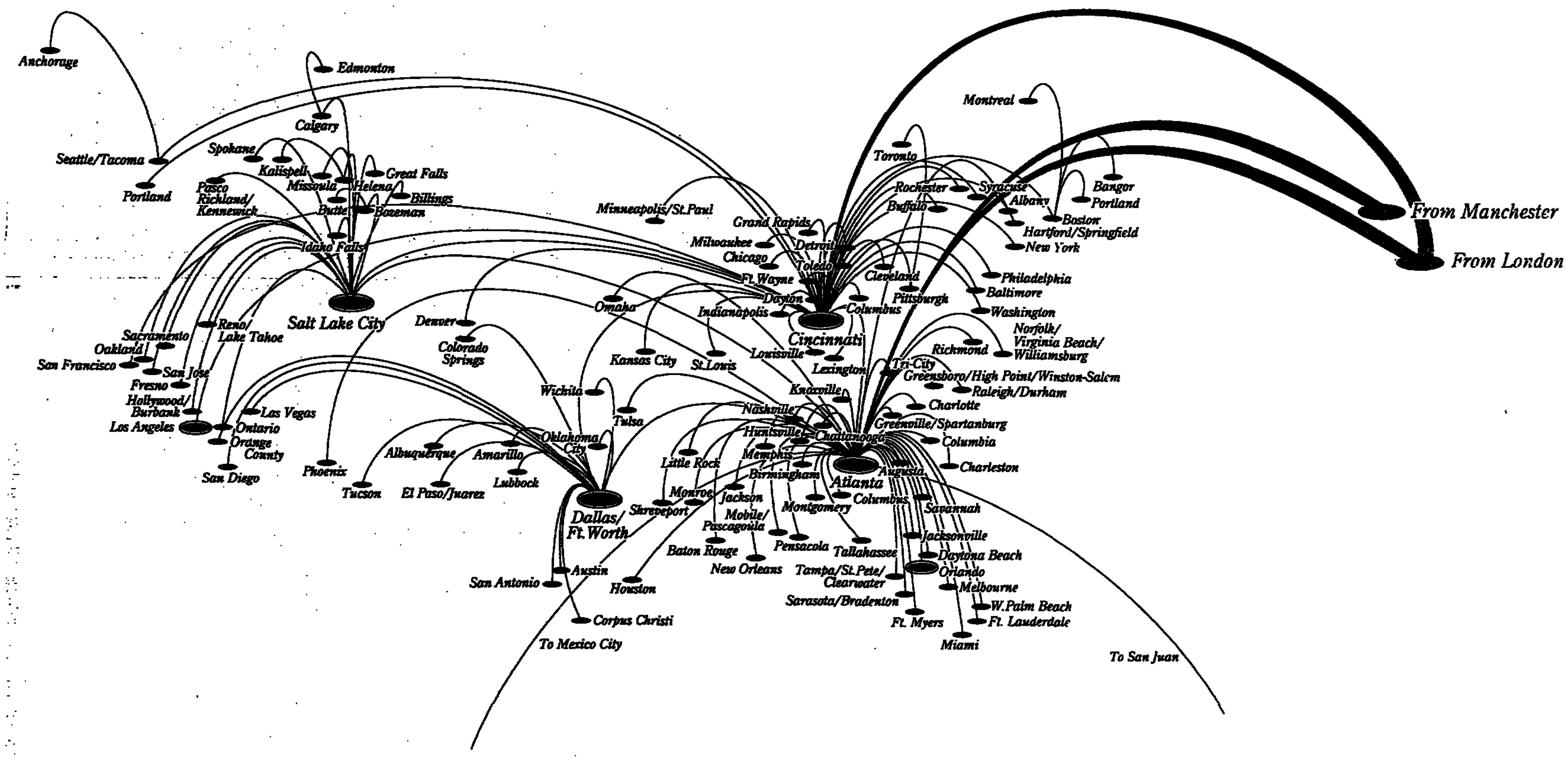

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Clifford Longley

When faith dies, can the muse really flourish?

No sooner had the English literary establishment overcome its dismay at Salman Rushdie's conversion to Islam than it found itself uncomfortably trying to assess the late Graham Greene and his eccentric relationship with Catholicism. Now it has yet another novelist and his religion to talk about, this time more cosily: A.N. Wilson has just announced his deconversion from Christianity.

Wilson, who probably would not class himself with Rushdie or Greene, has been one of a rare breed, an Anglican novelist (though at one point he tried Catholicism). He describes his anti-religious diatribe just published by Chatto in its Counter-Blasts series as equivalent to an open letter to "my old school-friend [Salman Rushdie] who is allying himself to one of the great world religions at the very point when I have become most certain that I wish to dissociate myself from another".

He recognises, he writes, strong religious impulses in himself. But he knows from inside and out that "religion appeals to something deep and irrational and strong within us, and that this is what makes it so dangerous". That is the heart of his objection, and it may win him new friends among the liberal intelligentsia who like to keep religion at a good sceptical arms' length. Before rushing to embrace him and his new doctrine, however, they might pause to consider the truth of the objection. Religion is many things, and dangerous is only one of them. For example, if the word "creative" were substituted for "dangerous", would not the statement be even more true?

Wilson: odds against

Danger is not obvious in Bach's *St Matthew Passion* or Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, but creativity is. Without religion, certainly, the world of music would be impoverished. Without religion, without Milton, Herbert, Manley Hopkins, T.S. Eliot and a dozen others, English poetry would be impoverished. If he now moves out of the ranks of run-of-the-mill novelists and becomes a great one, A.N. Wilson may demonstrate that irreligion can raise the creative spirit to the same heights as religion. Until he does so, however, the weight of evidence is against him.

He has yet to address the effect on English literature of the Authorised Version or the Book of Common Prayer, which do not deserve to be placed lower than Shakespeare in the list of formative influences. In their time they were dangerous, certainly, for they were the product of religious controversies for which men would die or kill. But would they exist otherwise?

The relationship between religion and artistic creativity, particularly in literature, is not necessarily a simple one, nor necessarily flattering to religion. Great novelists can be agnostics, like the greatest of the 19th century, George Eliot. Twentieth-century English literature's principal encounter with religion has been through the so-called Catholic novel (though according to most of the so-called Catholic novelists it does not exist). But the creative impulses of, say, George Eliot and Evelyn Waugh or Graham Greene are related; she was an agnostic when the culture was still firmly Christian; they were Catholics when, whatever it was, it wasn't Catholic.

To have a religion which is not the norm is to be out of step in a way that may stimulate the perception, because it gives a daily consciousness of mysteries which are invisible to other people.

To the uncreative these are simply baffling, but to restless spirits who must tame the reality they live with, they are a spur. The same applies to those who settle in a slightly foreign country, such as Australians in Britain. Extract women, Marxists, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, "colonials", Irishmen and other not quite typical Englishmen from the current literary firmament, and there is not much left but A.N. Wilson.

Because Britain still has an established church (with its inevitable cultural baggage), Catholics, Jews and Muslims find it a slightly foreign country. Like Australians and Americans, they feel repulsion as well as attraction, at home in Britain but not quite at home. Unlike settlers from abroad, however, they resist the imposed status of misfits as unfair, even though some of them also accept it as inevitable. This is the sort of grit in the creative literary oyster that can mature into pearls.

Artists look at the world from a different angle from the rest of us. A slightly unusual religion is an uneasy, and therefore useful, perch from which to watch. But there is more to a religious writer's outlook and output than a different perspective or an eccentric set of opinions. There is also the concern with spirit, motive and morality.

Religion, Wilson rightly says, is deep, irrational and strong. That is why he rejects it. Whatever is deep, irrational and strong is grist to the creative writer's mill, however, but not so easy to grasp if one is shallow, rational and weak. That is the formula for a mere polemicist. It makes the morality and motives of others grounds for instant and strident judgment, not for open-minded investigation. One of the creative merits of religion is that it sets the horizon at infinity.

Wilson's rejection of religion, if it is really for the reasons he states, is a rejection of the possibility of literature, for the writer must explore the very issues religion explores, with equal sympathy. That is why good literature, too, is deep, irrational and strong — and sometimes dangerous. It is odd that in addressing Salman Rushdie, of all people, he did not notice that.

Blacks who demand apartheid

The campaign for racial tolerance in America is foundering amid mutual recrimination: Charles Bremner reports

A quarter of a century after Martin Luther King jolted white America into opening the door to blacks, the country badly needs someone to inspire it again. The language of racial tolerance learned over the past two decades is giving way to name-calling and separatist talk.

The ugly mood can be glimpsed in the game of pass-the-racial-parcel under way this week in Washington. The Democrats in Congress have put forward a civil rights bill to enable racial minorities (and women) to sue employers for what is known as "unintentional" discrimination. This means you do not have to prove that a potential employer deliberately discriminated in refusing a job or a promotion. You can win damages merely by showing that your minority is under-represented in his workforce.

The trouble for the Democrats is that their bill raises the spectre of racial quotas, the word likely to be wielded as the most redoubtable weapon in next year's elections. Employers, it is said, would protect themselves by ensuring that their staff reflected the racial mixture of the local population. With resentment growing among working-class whites at further favours to blacks and Hispanics, the Democrats are desperate not to be be tarred with the "Q-word". They have now injected a clause forbidding employers to apply quotas, so that if President Bush vetoes the bill, they can be cast as more opposed to quotas than the Republicans.

The anger surrounding quotas reflects a deep split in views between the races. A majority of whites, particularly poorer ones, believe that blacks have been helped enough with two decades of affirmative action. Disclosures about the way government agencies have been skewing the results of aptitude tests ("race-norming") to benefit blacks and Hispanic workers have reinforced this view. Past injustice has been rectified, it is said, and the time has come for blacks to stop playing victim and tackle their own faults.

One hears this view not only from diehard conservatives, but increasingly at the dinner tables of those who see themselves as enlightened. Compassion fatigue has set in with a vengeance in New York, the city where middle-class whites come in closest contact with lawless blacks. The scale of the social breakdown is illustrated by the 60 per cent of black children in America who are now born to single mothers and the one in four black men under 30 who are either in prison, on probation or awaiting trial.

The University of Chicago reported recently that three out of four whites viewed blacks and Hispanics as lazier, less intelligent, less patriotic and more violent than whites. On the other side, a majority of blacks believe that white society still has a heavy debt to pay for centuries of oppression. True, a number of black conservatives have recently opposed quotas and race-norming, saying that such practices nourish an inferiority complex, but they are a small minority. Polls over the past month have confirmed that black and white Americans view the world from very different perspectives. For example, seven out of ten whites believe blacks are better off than they were a decade ago, but fewer than half of blacks agree. Eight in ten whites believe the Gulf war was worth the effort, compared with fewer than half of blacks.

KAREN KUEHN/KATZ

Lee: 'Cannes conspiracy'

The bitterness felt by younger blacks has become more striking as newer immigrant races have prospered. One hears widespread sympathy, even among affluent blacks, for views that come close to paranoia. Prime among these is the genocide theory promoted by Louis Farrakhan, the Black Muslim who wields far more influence over younger blacks than the Rev Jesse Jackson and the other activists who still preach integration. Many believe that white society is at least tacitly condoning the drugs, Aids and violence that are said to be exterminating young blacks. In New York last month a rumour circulated that a brand of lemonade contained a drug intended to sterilise black men. Sales slumped and the company was forced to withdraw the drink.

The paranoia is also feeding a racism directed at whites, Asians, Jews and even Hispanics, the poorest but fastest-growing immigrant group. Black student organisations across the country have been reviving the long reviled Protocols of the Elders of Zion as evidence of a Jewish conspiracy. Speaking to a Columbia University audience the other day, Dr Khalid Abdul Muhammad, a Farrakhan follower, described the place as "Columbia Jewniversity" in "Jew York City".

Another example of conspiracy theory was the outburst of Spike Lee, the young film director, who denounced as racism the failure of the Cannes festival judges to award the Palme d'Or to his film, *Jungle Fever*. Mr Lee, one of the most admired young blacks, also espouses the fashionable view that blacks are by definition incapable of prejudice because the vice cannot be ascribed to a class without power. "Black people didn't bring nobody else over in boats," he says.

This is one of the tenets of the separatist doctrine flourishing in the universities and the world of minority activists. In the name of cultural diversity and escaping the taint of "Euro-centric" culture, the academic world is promoting strong racial affiliation among students, a movement that abandons the integration goal of the civil rights era. For many older liberals and veterans of the Sixties, an unhappy paradox is now operating: all those college decrees and "speech codes" aimed at enforcing diversity actually foster an angry intolerance quite alien to the spirit of the old movement.

At many universities, blacks live separately and attend mainly African-American courses. The new apartheid has become fashionable in secondary education, the theory being that black boys need to be taught separately by black men in order to preserve their fragile self-esteem. Milwaukee has opened several such segregated schools and New York is close to deciding whether to do so.

The combination of racial resentment, the pressures of recession and the political capital to be gained from race-mongering in next year's election campaigns makes it unlikely that America will soon return to the consensus that achieved the breakthroughs of Dr King's time.

Return of the leviathans

Michael Binyon puts out the flags for the puffers that powered the world

Like magnificent old horses returning to their original stables for their final years, British-built steam engines are returning to the country where they were forged from the lands they served so long.

One by one the rusty hulks are shipped home, from Africa, India and South America, to be cleaned, restored and reverently placed in municipal museums or driven again for crowds of enthusiasts. Britain once exported motive power to the world. Locomotives built by Hunslet or Kitson in Leeds, the Vulcan works in Newton-le-Willows and the North British Locomotive Company in Glasgow pulled passengers and freight across deserts, up mountains and through the great plains of countries as far away as China, Turkey, Argentina and Peru.

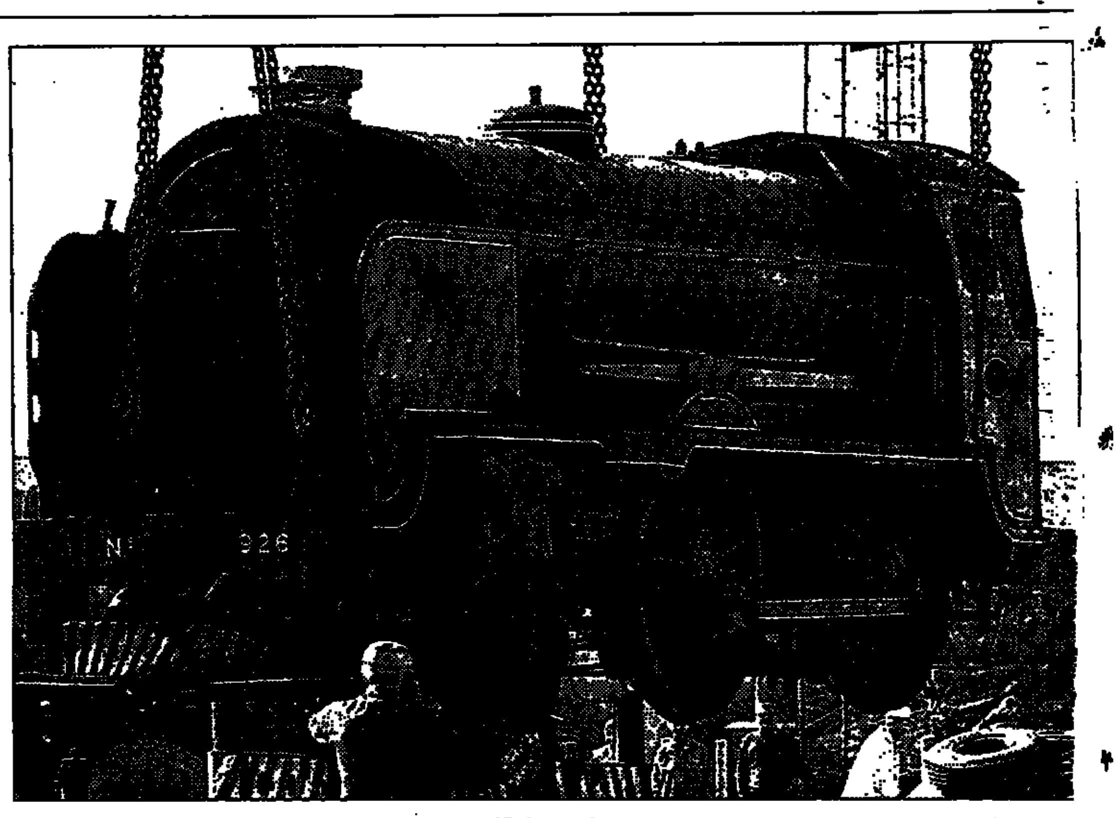
Most have long been cut up for scrap. But in those few countries where a last whisper of steam has lingered on, a few old trains are still working, and as they retire, British preservation societies are racing to ship them home before they go to the breaker's yards.

Horses fulfil mankind's primitive need to remain in contact with the pre-industrial age; iron horses seem to bond people to a world of industry on a more human scale than what we see around us. Engines recently repatriated include the one that pulled South Africa's luxury Blue Train. It is among the most powerful locomotives ever to run in Africa: a 25NC Class 4-8-4 engine, No 3504. Built in Glasgow in 1954, it hauled the Cape Town-Pretoria express until the late 1970s. South African Railways is now giving away its old steam engines to *bona fide* groups, who have to raise about £30,000 to bring each one to England.

More than 100 of the 25th class were built in Glasgow: 120-ton monsters with condensing apparatus which enabled them to re-use their own exhaust and travel 700 miles between water stops. About 40 are still in service, mostly doing freight work around Kimberley, but next year they will all be withdrawn.

The newly-formed North British Locomotive Society, which is appealing for funds to top up a £10,000 shipping grant from the Science Museum, is planning to repatriate the engine and others to Quainton Road Steam Centre in Buckinghamshire. Because the South African gauge is only 3'6", the trains will be unable to run on British Rail track, and will have to puff up and down a mile of specially laid narrow-gauge line.

Engines from India, by contrast, are broad-gauge. Their rescuers will not be able to create a "palace on wheels" to trundle enthusiasts around Britain, as the remaining locomotives do so profitably now in India. Museums are the active bidders here — especially those in the cities where the engines were originally built. A steady stream of small engines used on the subcontinent is also now returning to Britain, as well as shunters from Belgium and the Netherlands.



Its long haul over, a Southern Region 'Schools' class locomotive returns from America

Britain's burgeoning private railways — more than 60 at the last count — have done a great deal to popularise Britain's industrial heritage. But they are now being forced to look abroad for locos, because the source of many rescued steam engines, Woodham's scrap yard at Barry, has none left. Turkey is a good source: it bought many British engines before the war and finally scrapped steam only a year ago. But the Turks are somewhat unrealistic about their old treasures. Originally they seemed unaware of their value; now they are trying to sell them like carpets in a bazaar, at the absurdly high price of around £125,000.

On the whole, change in Eastern Europe has not been good news for steam enthusiasts. Harsh market economics have hastened the end of steam in Poland, Czechoslovakia and eastern Germany. But as more and more engines come on the market, Germany is emerging as a powerful bidder. Even the Russians are thinking o making money out of steam nostalgia. Meanwhile a British group is negotiating to buy a P36 — a massive engine that used to haul the trans-Siberian express.

A project is even under way to build from scratch an A1 Pacific, a magnificent monster that virtually disappeared in the 1960s. Who knows? Britain might yet start building steam engines again, so that our children can understand our industrial past. And with interest in this tourist moneyspinner increasing around the world, locomotives might once again be shipped out from these shores, steaming out of their glorious past and into the future.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

Only last week the Labour MP for Leyton, Harry Cohen, told the House of Commons that the poor in Britain are starving, and we must take his word for it. In the same week we learned that tens of thousands of healthy fighting dogs are to be put down.

Can you eat pit bull terriers?

Otherwise it would seem such a waste. People are starving in Leyton, and pit bulls are chunky beasts, full of muscle. Dogs have been eaten and enjoyed since the dawn of man. Here is a protein windfall which it would be an eco-crime not to harvest. Yet there is a doubt.

It is not a doubt about the palatability of the canine species, to which four million Hong Kong residents testify. The problem is one of marketing: persuading a timid nation to try something new.

Yet "pitbullburger" has a meaty ring. The "Mr Chicken" chain could surely add a "Mr Dog" section to their franchise, while (under the slogan "Bite back! Sink your teeth into a Rottweiler this Sunday"), that breed, too, could be given meal-appeal. There is punch behind the message "Come home to a real hotdog". The existing British Telecom campaign, "Darling, your dinner's in the dog", could be given an extra twist with "Darling, your dog's in the dinner". After all, they have been making wine from alsatians for centuries.

I must not spoil your breakfast, but the project has an urgency I never anticipated when, in this column at the start of the year, I reported eating a guinea pig, following that up by exploring with *Times* readers the possibility of eliminating the transport of live animals (as the RSPCA urges) by eating our own pets. It seemed hypothetical at the time. Now the reality is upon us.

For it is most unlikely that Mr Major's new "pro-active" government, will stop at pit bull terriers. Already Labour is baying for the destruction of other breeds of dog. We can only be days away from the discovery that cats, too, are jeopardising the quality of our lives, and I fully expect the Tories to go into the next election with a manifesto commitment to exterminate these mewing dossers entirely. One serious cat-biting incident and it's curtains, moggies!

Ahead of public thinking as always, I move to budgerigars. These, too, must go, perhaps after the next election but one. Everyone remembers that Harriet Harman MP caught something from a bird, though nobody can remember quite what: for myself, I have no doubt that these feathered vermin are host to all kinds of microscopic threats to our health. Indeed, a parrot once pushed its beak through the bars of its cage and got a chunk of my scalp. The horrific thing about bird attacks is that, one moment, the bird appears quite docile, then without warning suddenly goes for you. I shall carry with me to the grave a sense of resentment against anything with wings.

After budgies come goldfish. This is perhaps for the next manifesto but two, but should be on the agenda of the No Turning Back group already. The threat from goldfish is insidious. They rot the brain by being so boring, then cause grief by dying. There is only one sensible place for a goldfish, and that's with chips. However, it will take a brave politician to champion a properly funded programme of goldfish neutering or elimination. I nominate Teresa Gorman, MP, who believes in a free market, individual liberty, and hormone replacement therapy. We sense immediately that a goldfish in a bowl is an affront to everything Mrs Gorman stands for.

When goldfish are gone, cats are extinct, budgies are a legend and dogs a memory, when a nationwide cull of gerbils, white mice and guinea pigs has been achieved through the provision of free Warfarin on prescription and it is a criminal offence to speak of, let alone *to*, a parrot ... *then* will be the time for Mr Major to tackle the Big One.

Pot plants. All over Britain, revolting, yellowing clumps of doomed vegetation are dying slowly, in pots, in private. This infinitely depressing phenomenon is a reproach to the human spirit, its incidence so widespread that the evil must be removed in two stages.

First, I recommend a national pot-plant registration scheme, funded by a licensing system (aspidistra licences, annual rubber plant MoT certificates, etc) and policed by a cadre of local plant wardens with powers of forcible entry and arrest ... Has Mr Major the courage to act on aspidistras? Or will he dither?

St Paul's, not St Peter's

Before the man in the street can take up Prince Charles's invitation to judge for himself, the Paternoster Square development plan — the exhibition opens today — the antagonism of the City of London's chief planner, Peter Rees, has raised fears among architects of a protracted battle for planning permission.

In remarks published in *Building Design* as the prince unveiled the plan, Rees said: "I enjoy a bit of classical architecture occasionally, preferably bathed in Mediterranean sunshine and accompanied by a bottle of retsina. But the use of classical stage sets to cloak commercial developments in respectability makes my flesh creep. I don't like architecture used as wallpaper."

The plans for the £800 million scheme will be submitted to Rees's department for consideration within the next few weeks. "If that's the view of their leading planning officer, I would think there is going to be a long, hard battle ahead," says Michael Manser, a former president of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Unlike the American system, in which planning decisions are dictated by a book of rules, British planning is a matter of whim. "It's all opinion and subjectivity," says Manser. "Our planning system enables people to argue about everything for 40 years rather than get anything done."

Rees denies that his own aesthetic preferences will affect the planning decision. "Matters of taste only have a small role in the bureaucratic planning realm. We are concerned with general topics — accessibility, traffic generation, uses on site — not details of style," he says, reiterating that his views were expressed in a personal capacity. "It's important to get it right. This is not a fast-track exercise. We need a full and thorough debate."

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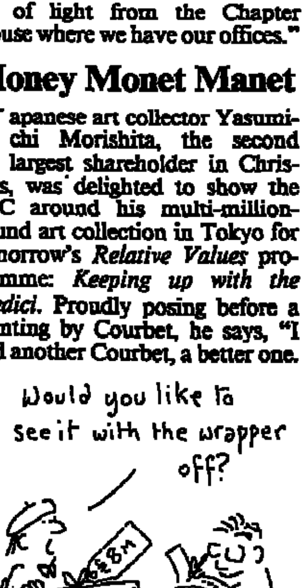
Meanwhile support for the scheme, with one qualification, has come from the Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev Eric Evans. "I am worried that the building on the north of the scheme will take a lot of light from the Chapter House where we have our offices."

Money Monet Manet

Japanese art collector Yasumichi Morishita, the second largest shareholder in Christie's, was delighted to show the BBC around his multi-million-pound art collection in Tokyo for tomorrow's *Relative Values* programme: *Keeping up with the Medici*. Proudly posing before a painting by Courbet, he says, "I had another Courbet, a better one. I think I lent it to someone but I can't remember." And pointing to a late-18th-century portrait he comments: "This is a painting of an old lady. It's a very famous painting but for the moment I can't remember its name." Morishita, who spends £30 million a year on his personal collection, was also unable to remember the name of the artist.



Would you like to see it with the wrapper off?
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Peak performance

Two decades before Edmund Hillary planted the Union Jack on the summit of Mount Everest, an intrepid band of British flyers led by the future Duke of Hamilton made the first successful flight over the peak. They flew in a Westland Wallace.

To mark the 60th anniversary of their feat, in 1993, the shell of the only surviving Wallace is being reconstructed to re-enact the flight. The organiser, George Almond, says: "The RAF found a wrecked Wallace in their stores and it is now being rebuilt. It was a very large plane with three engines and 12 ft propellors. New wings have yet to be made."

Almond plans a documentary film of the flight, and hopes the reconstructed plane will eventually find its way to the RAF Museum at Hendon. "We are very fortunate to have the help of Harald Penrose, a pioneer Westland test pilot," he says. "He would even know how many rivets there are in the cockpit."

Doom with a view

Most estate agents, hearing of a tragedy in a property they are trying to sell, try to hush it up. Not Knight Frank & Rutley, which is seeking a new owner for Terpersie Castle in Aberdeenshire, home to the Gordon family since the 16th century. Indeed, it is trumpeting the fact.

After the battle of Culloden in 1746, a Gordon laird who had sided with the Young Pretender sought refuge in the castle from the Duke of Cumberland's troops. He was captured, but remained unrecognised until taken with other prisoners to a nearby farmhouse, where his family were in hiding. One of his sons greeted him with a cry of "Daddy" — sealing his father's fate. The laird — hung, drawn and quartered — is thought to have been the last person executed for his involvement in the uprising. The sales pitch certainly makes a change from the usual guff about south-facing gardens and split-level kitchens.

False teeth

Norman Tebbit's entertaining courtroom discourse on how he acquired his various nicknames has greatly amused Denis Healey, the man credited with dubbing Tebbit as Dracula. But the bushy eye-browed parliamentary bruiser has a confession to make. "It wasn't me. Lots of other MPs reached the same conclusion about Norman beforehand. He's that type of man."

Healey concurs with Tebbit's recollection about their encounter in a dimly lit Commons corridor, except for one fact. "I did declare, 'Save me from Dracula, pass the garlic'," says Healey. "But I never fell to my knee when I said it. Dracula was the prince of darkness," he points out, not the king.

● *Never let it be said that Downing Street under John Major is remote and unfriendly. An amateur dramatic group in Pickering, North Yorkshire, recently wrote to the prime minister asking for advice on how to recreate the study of Number Ten for a stage play. A reply was received almost by return, including a meticulous, hand-drawn plan of the room, detailed drawings of the marble fireplace and wooden panelling, a complete breakdown of the room's colour scheme and a diagram of a Victorian picture-rail decoration.*

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MAJOR SO FAR

John Major has been six months in No 10 Downing Street and his party is not doing well. One poll yesterday put it eight points behind Labour, with the headline issues of health, education and unemployment all showing poorly. In a flurry of reactive government over the past two weeks, interest rates were not cut when the price index fell and political kudos was *on offer*, but were cut a week later; controls on dangerous dogs were first ruled out then conceded after a public outcry; the chief whip was strangely confirmed as cabinet "trouble-shooter"; and a special meeting of ministers was summoned in apparent haste to discuss an aggressive summer campaign for an election of wholly uncertain date.

Six months is the time usually given newcomers to work themselves in to a job. Mr Major started strong but tired early. He overworked. He worried too much about his image in Parliament and the media. Like many of his colleagues he found the glare of publicity dazzling and, when sometimes hostile, disconcerting. He sought to rival Mrs Thatcher's combative dispatch box style, but found it ran counter to his nature.

To this has been added Mr Major's most obvious weakness, that he lacks Margaret Thatcher's obvious strength. In comparison, he has looked oddly short term even when painfully espousing the long term. Mrs Thatcher would never have put up with the current interest-rate nonsense from the Bank of England and the Treasury. Her hand would *have crashed down on the cabinet* table. She would have bellowed that her government was ruining hardworking Tories "out there", cut interest rates and to hell with the Europeans. Mr Major and Norman Lamont appear nervous even in their constancy, as if being held on somebody else's *leash*.

Mrs Thatcher instinctively knew when to leave the highway of consistency and take to the hills of compromise. Her U-turns were majestic. Mr Major lacks that canniness, that capacity in a general to keep friend and foe equally unsure what he will do next, yet mesmerised in anticipation. This month the government allowed a serious gap to open in its defences — the accusation of a "two-tier" welfare state — and seemed unnerved when Labour exploited it. *Polls suggest there is* no end of trouble to come from this quarter.

Yet standing back from the battle, Mr Major might reasonably claim the electorate is an ungrateful bunch. He took over from a famous and dominant prime minister, whose longevity had earned the respect even of her enemies. He guided the country through a war. He abolished the hated poll tax. He continued with policies in place when he came to office, to most of which he has done no more than apply a political emollient. His personal popularity rating is way above that of the leader he succeeded.

For all the pressures of office, Mr Major has clearly begun to refashion Tory ideology. "Majorism" may be in its infancy, but it seems to offer a less hostile, more creative approach to collective action by the state. Privatisation and deregulation must sit alongside, not supplant, a constructive public sector. It would thus marry the Thatcher legacy with a Tory tradition little seen since the days of Lord Home. Such a twin-track ideology — for the present implying a lean private sector and a lush public one — may not make for a clearcut government programme. But Majorism seems at least worth a test run.

Electoral bad news will continue throughout the summer, but the opinion polls still suggest that replacing Mrs Thatcher with Mr Major last year was a shrewd move by the *Conservative party. The cabinet was right to* gird its loins for an autumn poll. The race for the next election could not be more open.

LOWER THE DRAWBRIDGE

e future prosperity of the world economy ngs on a conflict that continues to win ndalously little attention in Europe. sterday, the US Congress resisted fero's lobbying by protectionists and reed for two years the US administration's -track" authority to negotiate the most itious reform of world trade since the eral Agreement on Tariffs and Trade tt) of 1947. The renewal keeps open the pe of progress and is a tribute to George ish's leadership and to the advocacy of his ade secretary, Carla Hills. But if the world is to avoid ruinous protectionism, the European Community must rapidly respond in kind.

Under the fast track, Congress agrees to vote on an eventual package in a single vote, without amendments. Without this, a treaty that could open up new global markets worth *£600 billion would have been* doomed. No negotiation between 107 countries could be conducted on any other basis. But it will still be doomed unless the EC radically alters its stance on the single most important obstacle to a deal: the rigging of agricultural trade. Of that there is no sign.

The obduracy of the EC was squarely to blame for the failure to conclude this four-year negotiation on schedule last December. There were disagreements in several sectors. But the main stumbling block was and is the EC's refusal to make the deep cuts in farm subsidies demanded by the Americans and a large coalition of agricultural free traders.

Nobody is prepared to live with the EC's offer to pare a miserable 15 per cent from its current ridiculously inflated subsidies. Yet the EC has made no use whatever of the five months it has had to get a serious farm trade offer ready for the moment when America was able to return to the table.

Instead, farm ministers have spent this week in Brussels haggling over whether to break the EC bank by breaching the already extravagant ceiling on its 1991 farm budget. The failure to use the excuse the Gatt negotiations *provide to free the EC of the* market-rigging monument to economic folly called the common agricultural policy is *indefensible on every count.* The Commission itself admits that the CAP breeds uncontrollable corruption and impoverishes consumers without enriching more than a tiny minority of farmers.

Brussels bureaucrats complacently insist that the world will come round to a more "realistic" appreciation of the EC's position. They delude themselves. America will not settle for a token gesture and even if it did, developing countries will not open their markets to trade in services without a robust attack on agricultural protectionism.

The window of opportunity for rescuing the Uruguay round is narrow. Protectionist sentiment in America is strong, and rising. Unless a deal is concluded by the end of this year, all bets will be off until after the 1992 presidential elections. That means reaching an outline deal on farm trade by the Western *economic summit in London this July.*

No leadership is coming from the Commission, which is responsible for EC trade negotiations — a first test of a common European foreign policy now miserably failed. None will come from Germany and still less from France, whose new prime minister, Edith Cresson, has sworn to protect farmers from the market. Farm ministers have been allowed to dictate the future of the world trading system for too long, with disastrous results. Britain should demand an emergency EC summit and propose that the Commission be given a single instruction: to formulate a serious offer within a fortnight, and then make whatever further concessions are needed to reach a deal in principle by the end of June.

Such an outcome may be hard to imagine. But, for the average British family, farm protectionism costs nearly £900 a year, more than they ever paid in poll tax. Success would not only cut that bill but would produce a trade-led surge in growth not seen since the 1960s. Deadlock could make the difference between a relatively shallow recession and a global slump. There is no *more important test of John Major's* commitment to use the EC to advance British interests.

TURNING CIRCLES OVER CYCLES

Cycling offers something for almost nothing, and nothing is what most students have in their pockets. In Cambridge, the famous implausibility of the bicycle as a means of locomotion should appeal to the intellectual: the contraption stays upright only because gyroscopic forces give stability from the turning wheels. *In addition*, Cambridge, as Noel Coward said of East Anglia generally,is flat. The love affair between Cambridge and two wheels was written in the stars.

Town and gown are now in a spin over bicycles. A county council committee has voted to ban them from the city centre in the interests of pedestrian safety. The centre lies across many student short-cuts to lecture, dining hall or digs. Naturally, pedestrians want a ban while 1,000 student cyclists have petitioned the council against one.

The high moral ground in this case is at the top more of *a mole-hill than a mountain.* The proposed ban only affects a few streets, only in one direction, and only between 10 am and 4 pm. The streets concerned are closed to most other wheeled traffic at those times, buses and cycles being the exceptions. The ban would seriously affect only six colleges. There are alternative routes. There will be no law against wheeling a cycle through the new zone on foot.

Partial pedestrianisation is already proving a mixed blessing in many towns. It never made much sense to ban cars, encourage the public to walk on the road by lowering the kerbs and then expect pedestrians to dodge and weave among buses, taxis and bicycles. *Hence the question now vexing the best* Cambridge brains: is a cyclist simply a pedestrian on wheels, or is a bicycle a vehicle that happens to be in the care of an ecologically respectable driver, a decent, right-thinking person whose chosen conveyance happens, by its silence and manoeuvrability, to be a *public menace?*

In the world outside Cambridge cycling is growing, as are cycling accidents. In the past decade annual sales of bicycles almost doubled to 3 million. There are now some 13 million cyclists in circulation. In 1989 there were nearly 300 fatalities. The most serious accidents are between cycles and motor vehicles. The Cambridge hazard — termed a "pedestrian-cyclist conflict" — is more an irritation than a threat to life and limb.

London plans to create 1,000 miles of cycle lanes. All trends indicate that cycling is *losing its image of eccentricity-on-wheels,* akin to flying aeroplanes before the first world war. It is becoming a normal part of the economy of transport: to be planned for, invested in, and regulated like any other traffic. Helmets, at least for child cyclists, should be compulsory — a fifth of fatalities are under 16 — as should third-party insurance, for cyclists often cause accidents as well as suffer from them.

Cambridge students protest that Cambridge learnt to live with cycles when the word pedestrianisation had not even been *invented. But progress pedals faster;* it was bound to catch up. In modern shopping precincts wheels and legs just do not mix.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Quota system for blacks at Bar

From Dr David Coleman

Sir, The chairman of the Bar Council claims that his council's new target *of 5 per cent ethnic* minority recruits to all barristers' chambers is "the most sophisticated race relations policy of any profession" (report, May 20). To this outsider it looks damaging to his profession in general and to non-white barristers in particular.

The ideal, presumably, is that chambers should attract and choose recruits, and clients their legal representatives, in a manner indifferent to racial or other origins. But a quota system may undermine trust in barristers who happen to be black by putting a question mark against the motive for their selection.

Six per cent of barristers of ethnic minority origin is already a more than fair representation from the viewpoint of national population. Twelve per cent of pupils of ethnic minority origin is already almost double their expected representation. If there are problems with the distribution of ethnic minority recruits in chambers then the appropriate place to start is to look at recruitment.

If the razor-sharp minds of the *Bar think this measure is "sophisticated"*, maybe the rest of us should be grateful that in future we can choose solicitors to defend us instead.

Yours faithfully,
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May 20.

From Mr Anthony Wigram and Sir Brian Rix

Sir, In 1944 the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act laid down that all employers in the United Kingdom should achieve a quota of employment of 3 per cent of people with a disability.

We would like to ask the chairman of the Bar Council whether he *is prepared now to think in terms of* filling the quota for people with a disability, and in particular whether he is prepared to do anything about the following to help people with a disability:

1. Access to law courts.
2. Access to witness boxes, jury boxes, jury rooms — and, indeed, the dock.
3. Access to chambers themselves, many of which are antiquated and have no proper facilities.

It is a bitter pill to swallow when regulations such as those now proposed by the Bar Council leapfrog people with a disability in favour of those who by comparison have little to complain about in the way they are treated by the community.

Yours faithfully,
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(Chairman, Phab),
BRIAN RIX (Chairman,
Arts and Disability Monitoring Committee, Arts Council),
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May 20.

From Mr Dennis Coward

Sir, The "jury is still out" on whether the Bar Council has shown great wisdom or fashionable folly in setting its lawyers guidelines for recruiting ethnic minorities. Such a step amounts to an unequivocal statement that key appointments are, in future, to be made according to the colour of a person's skin.

Many of us would like any lawyer of any colour to explain precisely what is the difference between positive discrimination, which is simply universally deplored, and a quota system, which is actually illegal.

In addition, someone from the Society of Black Lawyers might explain why anyone setting up the Society of *White* Lawyers would lay themselves open to prosecution.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS COWARD,
Hartlington,
Burnsall, North Yorkshire.
May 20.

From Mr A. J. Houlgate

Sir, The proposal to give privilege to non-white people by ensuring that 5 per cent of them are given jobs in law firms and certain government departments is both racially divisive and patronisingly offensive.

Surely any self-respecting non-white person would want to succeed on merit and not on a dollop of favouritism meted out by well-meaning but dangerously small-minded do-gooders?

Yours truly,
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Insch, Aberdeenshire.
May 20.

'Inadequacy' of latest base rate cut

From Mr Nicholas Ridley, MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury (Conservative)

Sir, It seems that the government is no longer pursuing a monetary policy with the object of achieving domestic stability. Previously, inflation was brought down from 21.9 per cent in May 1980 to 3.7 per cent in May 1983. This was done by using interest-rate policy to bring the rate of growth of the broad measure of the money supply (M3) under control. The exchange rate was allowed to float.

The growth of broad money (now called M4, on the new measure) rose from 13.5 per cent in 1986 to about *18 per cent in 1988, at which level it* remained until the spring of 1990. This was the signal that inflation would reappear, as it did.

Since October 1990 the growth of M4 has fallen rapidly to about 10 per cent per annum. With inflation still at over 6 per cent this means *M4's real growth is only around 4* per cent; that is clearly inadequate.

This is the monetary signal which indicates that there is an urgent and overdue need for interest rate cuts. It merely confirms the evidence that we see and hear all around us that policy is currently far too tight. Today's half per cent cut is inadequate to put this right.

Our membership of the ERM (exchange-rate mechanism) is clearly resulting in the government using *interest-rate policy to* maintain a certain parity for the pound, and ignoring the needs of the domestic economy. Thus 527,000 jobs and many thousands of businesses have already been sacrificed on the altar of the ERM.

After three lost by-elections, and over 900 lost council seats, I hope the government will now realise that the way to win the next election is to put the British economy first, to cut interest rates, and leave the ERM.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS RIDLEY,
House of Commons.
May 24.

Snubs and cuts that 'bleed sport dry'

From Mr Tom Pendry, MP for Stalybridge and Hyde (Labour)

Sir, I was amazed to read in your leader column ("The other Cup Final", May 18) claims that the government is providing "riches of which sport has scarcely dreamed" and that Britain's sporting institutions now have less reason to complain about insufficient public money being made available to bring international events to Britain.

The stark truth, as admitted to me only two days previously in a parliamentary written answer from the minister for sport, Robert Atkins, is that the government has *actually cut a staggering £38 million* over the last five years in direct funding for sport through reductions in the urban programme and a failure to maintain the Sports Council grant in real terms. This year those cuts will increase to the tune of a further £5.3 million.

Furthermore, to look at the Budget for some consolation is a fallacy. Taking into account the effect of rising VAT charges, sport will lose a further net £85 million this year to the government, whilst there remains neither sight nor sound of even the most basic plans for the much-vaunted Sports and Arts Foundation, the feasibility of which must now be seriously doubted.

On top of these cuts and confusion, the government has publicly stated that it will give no financial support at all for the British Olympic bid. Indeed, over a third of next year's £5 million British Olympic appeal will go straight to Robert Atkins's Treasury colleagues in corporation tax. Britain stands alone in giving neither grant nor tax relief to its national Olympic committee in spite of the minister for sport's public pre-Budget announcement that he would be lobbying the Chancellor to reduce the amount of tax that sports bodies have to pay.

Given this latest in a long line of snubs to the minister, I would wholeheartedly agree with your leader that the government should give planning pre-eminence to sport and that he himself should have a greater say in allocation of funds. Until that happens, the myth that *John Major's government is lavish*ing money on sport needs to be firmly scotched. In reality, it is bleeding sport dry.

Yours sincerely,
TOM PENDRY
(Chairman, Parliamentary Labour Party Sports Committee),
House of Commons.
May 21.

Truth in politics

From Mr David Hart

Sir, Although deception is inseparable from war as Conor Cruise O'Brien argues ("No tears for a bad loser", May 21), I am not at all sure that it needs to be inseparable from democratic politics as he also suggests. Machiavelli argued in *The Prince* that "seldom, if ever, do men of low position obtain high rank except by force and by fraud".

All tastes are ultimately regulated by force. But modern democratic societies can be governed without recourse to fraud by what might be called "political force" — a forceful and honest projection of political leaders' personalities, ideals and policies coupled with forceful but honest attacks on their opponents.

Unfortunately, leaders of democracies seem to believe that it is impossible to please most of the voters most of the time so it is acceptable to deceive many of the voters much of the time and that without such deceit democratic politics would not function at all.

In this they demonstrate their contempt for the people. In return, they are held in contempt by the *people. Not only is such mutual* contempt debilitating for society: the high degree of complicity on the part of the media in political deception indicates a worrying decadence in the body politic. It indicates that it is tired of reality, tired of change, tired of the excitement of confronting problems and challenges and protecting and extending a nation's vital interests.

One of Mrs Thatcher's most important political qualities was her honesty. She used "political force" to gain her ends and British public life was greatly refreshed. Her dismissal and the behaviour of many political leaders in all parties now may indicate that the British body politic has again grown weary.

If so, the country is in for another decade of relative decline and when the social fabric inevitably begins to unravel, as it did in 1979 in the so-called "winter of discontent", there may well be no political leader of Mrs Thatcher's courage and strength to lead us once more into facing up to our responsibilities.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HART (Chairman),
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23 Buckingham Gate, SW1.

Gazza and the law

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, The negligent breach of the arbitrator's duty to protect players from damaging others and themselves (Mr J. B. King's letter, May 22) has already been tested in Commonwealth courts for broken neck injuries following collapsed rugby scrums.

In British Columbia the referee was ultimately exonerated after a trial, and in New South Wales the dispute was settled out of court. They each operate an early warning for this coming autumn's rugby World Cup.

More signific*antly, the New South* Wales High Court last December recorded an award of $68,000 to the victim of a broken jaw in an illegal tackle by a professional rugby league player against not only the offending player, but also against his employer club.

Nearer home, this was consistent with what Paul Gascoigne and his advisers may not know, but will be recalled by his Tottenham Hotspur employers, when the career of the former England player, Danny Thomas, was ruined by a foul tackle from a Queen's Park Rangers player. After issuing a writ, he, too, settled out of court for a sum of £130,000.

The most important understanding of Gascoigne's action, however, has been logged twice in annual reports from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. In 1980 and 1987 they *emphasised how for* football violence

the board frequently deals with cases of people scarred for life, sometimes with cases of people seriously and permanently maimed and occasionally with people who are killed: We welcome the efforts which the courts, the police and many sporting organisations are taking to lessen the number of such crimes.

Gascoigne's misfortune and the referee's tolerance may help to reaffirm this.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
EDWARD GRAYSON,
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Temple, EC4.
May 23.

Test of faith

From Mrs Elisabeth Ingles

Sir, Mr Lawson-Cruttenden's letter (*May 18*) appears to reveal a commonly-held misconception. The Virgin Birth — Mary's conceiving and giving birth to Christ without the agency of a human male — has nothing to do with the Immaculate Conception. The latter is Mary's own conception, in the normal human fashion, but *without original sin* — the sin held to stain the soul of every human being and washed away by the sacrament of baptism.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8, as most Catholics will confirm, including this fiercely lapsed one. It seems a pity to spoil the fun for comedians, putative mothers of test-tube babies and so on, but there it is.

Yours faithfully,
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May 20.

From Mr Antoni Pospieszalski

Sir, Sir Nevill Mott's reluctance (article, May 13) to subscribe too readily to difficult Christian dogma, like the atonement and the virgin birth, while longing to worship God as revealed in Christ, may well be interpreted as respect for Christian mystery. The doubter who mistrusts the traditional formulation of the creed may well be nearer the unfathomable truth of religion than the casual believer.

As a rather casual believer myself I often feel humbled by the uncompromising love of truth of the scientist. If God is truth, then this is also a form of love of God.

Yours sincerely,
ANTONI POSPIESZALSKI,
115 Redston Road, N8.
May 19.

Looking askance

From Mr Philip Ward

Sir, Mr Phillip Austen (May 15) asks why publishers print the titles of some books sideways. *Force majeure*, I fear, if we are to be helpful.

In July we publish a travel book about Bombay, Maharashtra and Karnataka, and on the spine we have no room for more than *Karnataka-Maharashtra* if the words are to be legible.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP WARD (Publisher),
The Oleander Press,
17 Stansgate Avenue, Cambridge.

Freud on Belgium

From the Director of the Belgian Tourist Office

Sir, I was bemused by Clement Freud's piece in the Saturday Review (May 18), entitled "Brugge? Bognor", in which he describes in unequivocal terms his dislike of Belgium, its people and everything from London to Brugge ("the place I had to go to") connected with his trip.

Even the local spelling of places like Brugge and Oostende seems to have upset him. Also the weather, which according to the writer, is wetter than anywhere else in Northern Europe, including the UK!

I expect that a great majority of readers who have visited Bruges and enjoyed its unspoilt historic attractions and hospitality will be equally amazed by Sir Clement's "inclement" remarks. None of the callers to this office would appear to share his biased opinions.

Yours faithfully,
PIERRE CLAUS, Director,
Belgian Tourist Office,
Premier House, 2 Gayton Road,
Harrow, Middlesex.

From Mr E. J. Hart

Sir, What sourness, what illiberalism! My wife and I celebrated last new year in Bruges on our first visit. The hotels, the food and the people were exemplary. Perhaps if Clement Freud had smiled, albeit uncharacteristically, he might have experienced something better.

Yours very truly,
E. J. HART,
Camis Eskan Coachhouse,
Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

Torbay palms

From Ms Vivien Allen

Sir, Torbay, and for that matter Bournemouth, are not the only places to boast "palm" trees (report, May 16; letters, May 23). Our front garden, 500 yards from the Irish Sea on the southern tip of the island, boasts two flourishing examples of *Cordyline australis*, known here as the Manx Palm, and there are many others round about.

According to the *Readers Digest Encyclopaedia of Garden Plants and Flowers*, "in mild areas eight to ten-year-old trees may bear plume-like *panicles up to 3 feet long and 24* inches wide".

I am happy to report that last summer all the Manx Palms flowered profusely and the scent was gorgeous. Were there blooms on the Torbay Cordylines?

Yours smugly,
VIVIEN ALLEN,
8 Scarlett Road,
Castletown, Isle of Man.

Choir schools

From Mrs A. M. Tarter

Sir, It is good to see the news about government scholarships for choir schools (report, May 16).

My son became a member of the choir of the Ripon Cathedral Choir School last September, at the age of ten and this has been the happiest year of his life.

Being in a choir is to be part of a team. Many of the benefits we attribute to team sports — cooperation, group effort, discipline, self-sacrifice — can be equally applied to being a member of a choir.

Because the boys have to live together *as well as sing together*, they learn to be tolerant of each other and to support one another in a way remarkable for young boys. There is a dimension which takes the team work beyond that which we expect on the sporting field: the service of God is a vital part of a chorister's every day experience and of those around him.

Yours sincerely,
A. M. TARTER,
Alicey House, 20 Cathedral Close,
Ripon, North Yorkshire.

From Mr M. B. Davies-Jenkins

Sir, For a child of eight or nine years to leave home and either become a boarder or at least spend a large proportion of his days in a cathedral or a cathedral song room is a strange enough transfer. If, added to that, he is unused to church liturgy and church music and finds himself *expected to mix with children of* wealthier middle-class families, what hope has a child from a poorer background?

For the parents, however generously a chorister is subsidised, there are additional costs (e.g., uniform, choir tours, travel costs to school, etc.). More important for some, is the problem of senior school education. After say five years of private education, the boys' expectations, in line with those of their contemporaries, will lead to public school rather than to reintegration into the state system. For boys whose parents cannot afford such a luxury the reversion to state education could make further demands on their ability to readjust.

Yours faithfully,
M. B. DAVIES-JENKINS,
13 Park Lane, Groes-Faen,
Pontyclun,
Mid Glamorgan.

From Mr Michael Keall

Sir, "Wells Cathedral School has educated choristers who sing in the cathedral for at least 800 years" (Mr Baxter's letter, May 16). Isn't this taking castrati a bit far?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL KEALL (Headmaster,
Westminster Abbey Choir School, 1977-87)
Magdalene College, Cambridge.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 24: The Queen was represented by The Prince of Wales at the Funeral of Shri Rajiv Gandhi (formerly Prime Minister of the Republic of India) which was held at Shanti Vana, New Delhi, this afternoon.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Astor (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The Duke of Kent for Greece and bade farewell to His Royal Highness upon behalf of Her Majesty.

The Princess Royal, Patron, the Unversity of the West Indies Development and Endowment Appeal, this evening attended the Royal Gala Performance of "Anthony and Cleopatra" at the Bloomsbury Theatre, London WC2.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 24: The Duke of Kent this morning left Heathrow Airport, London for Crete to attend events to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the involvement of British Commonwealth Forces in the Battle for Crete.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival at the airport by Mr Aristides Agathocles (Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Greece).

Commander Roger Walker RN was in attendance.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Lord Aldington, 77; Mr M.A. Butt, chairman, Eagle Star Holdings, 49; Mr Miles Davis, jazz musician, 65; Dr Carel de Wet, South African diplomat, 67; Miss Margaret Forster, author, 53; Miss Livia Gollancz, publisher, 71; Sir Eldon Griffiths, MP, 66; Mr Tony Hall, joint managing director, Rea Brothers Group, 52; Baroness Hooper, 52; Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, Lord Lyon King of Arms, 53; Sir Julian Loyd, land agent to The Queen, Sandringham estate, 65; Sir Ian McKellen, actor, 52; the Right Rev Michael Mann, former Dean of Windsor, 67; Mr Dillwyn Miles, The Herald Bard, 75; Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Norman, 95; Lord Plummer of St Marylebone, 77; His Honour Alastair Sharp, QC, 80; Miss Beverly Sills, operatic soprano, 62; Sir Eric Tansley, former adviser, Nigerian Produce Marketing Company, 90; Professor Sir Francis Vallat, QC, 79.

TOMORROW: Miss Zola Budd, athlete, 25; Sir Matt Busby, *president, Manchester* United Football Club, 82; Miss Elizabeth Clarke, former headmistress, Benenden School, 76; Mr Peter Cushing, actor, 78; Mr Roy Dotrice, actor, 66; Sir David English, editor, *Daily Mail*, 60; Lord Gridley, 85; Sir Kenneth Jones, former High Court judge, 70; Sir Patrick Kingsley, former Keeper of the Records, Duchy of Cornwall, 83; Miss Peggy Lee, singer, 71; Mr Alec McCowen, actor, 66; Lord Mayfield, 70; Mr Robert Morley, actor-dramatist, 83; Sir Charles O'Halloran, former chairman, Irvine Development Corporation, 67; Mr Colin Sampson, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, 62; Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh, diplomat, 82; Lord Stevens of Ludgate, 55; Wing Commander Sir Kenneth Stoddart, former Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, 77; Mr Glen Turner, cricketer, 44; the Earl of Wharncliffe, 38.

School news

Ampleforth College

Academic Scholarships 1991

Major Scholarships: 1 P.B. Fane-Saunders, Colet Court, London; 2 E.H.K. O'Malley, King's House, Richmond, Surrey, and Junior House, Ampleforth College; 3 T.R. Gretton, St Richard's, Bredenbury Court; 4 A. Hosangady, Homefield School, Sutton, Surrey; 5 R.P. Mandukie Curtis, Ampleforth College.

Minor Scholarships: 6 M.S. Shilton, Junior House, Ampleforth College; 7 M.A. Hirst, Barrow Hills School, Witley, Surrey; 8 J.P. Arbuthnott, Moor Park, Ludlow, Shropshire; 9 H.J.B. Blackwell, Gilling Castle; 10 W.R.J. Guest, Gilling Castle.

Music Scholarships 1991
Major Award: A.R. Wright, Junior House, Ampleforth College.
Minor Award: N.R. Wright, St Hilda's School, Ampleforth.

Special Minor Awards in Art and Design
1 P.T. Clark, Craigclowan School, Perth; 2 J.M.W. de Lacey, Farleigh School, Andover, Hampshire.

Bloxham School

Today is Founderstide. The Preacher at the Sung Eucharist will be the Right Rev the Lord Bishop of Chichester. To mark the retirement of Michael Vallance, Parents, Old Bloxhamists and Friends will be able to visit the new School amenities opened during his Headmastership. There will be a full programme of Musical Events, Cricket and Tennis Matches against Old Bloxhamists and in the evening the Founderstide Ball.

Entrance awards recently announced are as follows:

To boys at age 13:
Scholarships: P.J. Cripps (Overthorpe) Bloxham: D.M. Horwood (Swanbourne) Raymond: J.L. Voss (Ashfold) Art.
Exhibitions: N.D.S. Bayer (Bilton Grange) John Schuster: M.J.E. Robinson (Beechwood Park) for Music: P.R. Harding (Lichfield Cathedral) for Music.
Chapel Centenary Bursaries: S.T.M. Ashworth (Long Close): B.P. Hunt (St Michael's Tawstock): A.R. Watterson (Stancliffe Hall): N.M. Watterson (Stancliffe Hall): M.R.L. Yarborough (Overthorpe).

Lawrence Robson Awards at age 16:
Scholarships: Sarah E. Bowater (Doddershall): Andrea M. Jackson (Wm Parker, Daventry) for Music: Simon T. Johnson (Denetre, Daventry) for Music: Virag K. Magyar (Gocnczy Pal Reformed School, Budapest) European Scholarship.
Exhibition: Louise Angel (The Warriner).
Chapel Centenary Bursaries: Benjamin R. Prentice (The Warriner) for Music: Lucy C. Taylor (Holy Cross): Victoria J. Harrop (The Warriner): Oluwayemisi Odunuga (Thornton): Helen E. Richardson (The Warriner): Sophie E. Rudge (Malvern Girls College): Claire L. Wilson (Stratford upon Avon Grammar for Girls).

Exeter School

Scholarship Awards

The following awards have been made for September 1991:
13+ Open Scholarship: Francis Jervis, Exeter Cathedral School.
13+ Acland and Stephens Exhibition: Richard Balcere, St Peter's School, Lympstone.
13+ Marshall Shaw Exhibition: Christopher Hunt, Wolborough Hill School.
13+ Sterling Exhibition: Timothy Hill, Wolborough Hill School.
12+ Academic Scholarship: Michael Day, Exeter School.
11+ Academic Scholarship: Brendan Kelly, St Nicholas RC Combined School.
Sammy Sargent Music Scholarship: Alistair Lilley, Callington Community College.
Music Exhibitions: Clare Stradling, St Peter's High School; Hamish Balfour-Paul, Exeter Preparatory School; Lawson Iley, Exeter Cathedral School.

Loretto Nippers' Centenary

One hundred years of Loretto Nippers will be celebrated on Saturday, June 8, 1991, with a service of thanksgiving in Loretto Chapel at 10 am. Mr Hamish G.R. Galbraith (OL) Headmaster of Loretto Nippers 1958 to 1981 will preach the Sermon and Mr David B. McMurray (OL) Headmaster of Oundle and Headmaster of Loretto 1976 to 1984 and Sir Nicholas Fairbairn of Fordell (OL) QC, MP, will address the luncheon reception thereafter. Old Lorettonians and friends of Loretto are invited to contact the Headmaster's Secretary for further details.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.J. Baker
and Miss T.E.A. George
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs C.H. Baker, of Brighstone, Isle of Wight, and Tamsin, only daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs Bruce George, of Dulwich.

The Rev A.J. Bosschaert
and Miss G.F.P. Todd-McHoul
The marriage of the Rev Anthony J. Bosschaert, ACT, ThL, CR, younger son of the late Dr Anthony J. Bosschaert, Kt, CR, and of Douairière Lady G. Joanne Bosschaert-Bakker, of Utrecht, The Netherlands, to Gillian Frances Patricia, only daughter of the late Lieutenant-Commander J.I. Todd-McHoul and of Mrs R.J.A. Todd-McHoul, formerly of St John's Wood, will take place at the United Reformed Church, Fox Lane, Palmer's Green, North London, on May 27, at 3 pm.

Mr S.G.L.J. Byfield
and Miss L.J.F. Muller
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr Alan Byfield, of Esher, Surrey, and of Mrs Shelagh Byfield, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, and Lisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Muller, of Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr N. Clements
and Miss P-L. Haywood
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Clements, of Woking, Surrey, and Paula-Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Haywood, of Blandford Forum, Dorset.

Mr W. Colquitt
and Miss E.A. Pauli
The engagement is announced between Warren, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. Colquitt, of Solihull, West Midlands, and Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Pauli, of Oxted, Surrey.

Mr P.W.C. Shepherd
and Miss P.M. McKeown
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Shepherd, of Oxford, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert McKeown, of Normanby, Cleveland.

Mr J.D.E. Byam Shaw
and Miss J.E. Scott
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr Nicholas Byam Shaw, of Notting Hill, London, and of Mrs Joanna Foden, of Wappenham, Northamptonshire, and Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs S.C.C. Scott, of Theydon Bois, Essex.

Mr J.W. Evan-Cook
and Miss V.C. Drake
The engagement is announced between James William, son of Colin Richard Evan-Cook, of Fairseat, Kent, and Victoria Crowninshield, eldest daughter of William McClellan Drake, of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr J.S.R. MacDonnell
and Miss S.H. Reed
The engagement is announced between *Julian, only* son of *Mr* and Mrs Randal MacDonnell, of Putney, London, and Sophia, youngest daughter of Mrs Shelagh James and Mr David Reed, of Bath.

Marriages

Dr J.C. Linley-Adams
and Mrs P.I.O. Davey
The marriage took place quietly in Eastbourne, on May 21, 1991, between John Linley-Adams and Patricia Davey, of Bexhill.

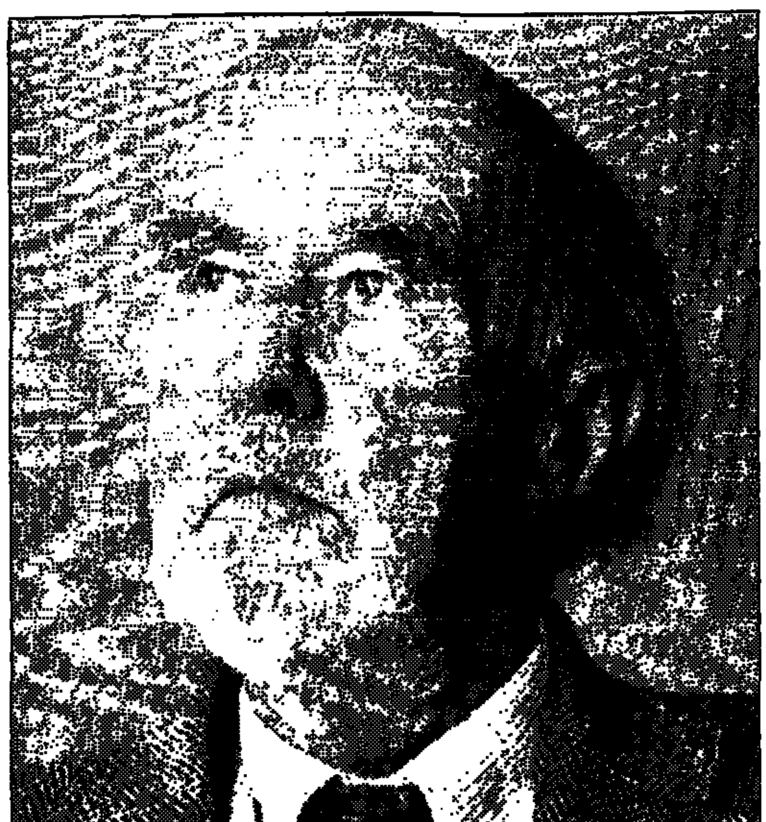
Mr D.J.T. Melvin
and Miss S.J. Bennett
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 18, at the Abbey church of St Peter and St Paul, Bath, of Mr David Melvin to Miss Samantha Bennett. The service was taken by Canon Philip Morgan.

Mr C.J. Osborne-Moss
and Miss J.L. Tulloch
The marriage took place on Friday, May 24, 1991, at St Andrew's Church, Callander, Scotland, between Christopher John, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Osborne-Moss, Lindum, Sidmouth, and Julie Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Tulloch, Drumbeg Farm, Drymen, Loch Lomond (formerly of Achvraid Farm, Essich, Inverness.

OBITUARIES

MANNING CLARK

Manning Clark, Australian historian, died in Canberra on May 23 aged 76. He was born in Burwood, New South Wales, on March 3, 1915.



IN HIS monumental *A History of Australia*, as in his often turbulent life, Manning Clark sought to inspire Australians with a passionate belief in a future and an identity for themselves which might emancipate them from the umbilical links with Britain or from the perpetual yearning for the rich tapestry of distant Europe. In the history, which appeared in six volumes between 1962 and 1987, Clark reminded his countrymen that they were the inheritors of a unique aboriginal culture; that their land was a strange and ancient place; that their history, far from being a footnote and appendage of the history of Great Britain, had its own place of honour in the annals of human striving. In his bearing and his physical appearance he underpinned this separateness of contemporary Australia from the old-world past. His broad-brimmed hat, rugged two-inch leather belt and craggy, weathered features made him appear an unlikely tenant of a university chair.

To be sure, Clark did not always return to Australians a flattering reflection of themselves in what he wrote and said. He often lamented the national tendency to admire material success against all that was mysterious in their inheritance, once despairingly castigating Australia as "a nation of petty bourgeois property owners who thought it prudent to prefer men with the values and skills of receivers in bankruptcy." Indeed, the great strength of *A History of Australia* is not the exactness of its historiography, but a quality which has always informed great histories, a passionate belief in, and love of, its subject.

Charles Manning Hope Clark was the son of an Anglican parson who had come from Ireland. His mother's family had its origins in the very earliest days of British settlement at the end of the eighteenth century. His maternal great-great-great grandfather had arrived in Australia in 1794 and built his first church at Parramatta near Sydney two years later. Manning Clark went to Melbourne Grammar school and then to Melbourne and Oxford universities, at both of which he established a reputation as a brilliant scholar. While in Britain he taught for a while at Blundell's school. On his return to Australia he taught at Geelong Grammar where his left-wing views, eloquently expounded, *deposited much cause for wonder in* the mind of many a grazier's son.

From 1944 to 1946 he was a lecturer in political science at Melbourne University and in 1949 was invited to take up the newly established chair of history at University College, Canberra, later to become the Australian National University. The new professor soon made a stir for his outspoken liberal views on subjects other than the academic. In 1954 his attack on the war then raging in Indo-China drew a reprimand from the Australian minister for external affairs, Mr Casey. In 1958 he spent three weeks in the Soviet Union, returning with a beard, a strong resemblance to Lenin and an enthusiasm for many aspects of the communist experiment. This led in 1960 to *On Meeting Soviet Man* which he described as "the comments of a boy from the bush". In its attempt to explain Soviet man's "solutions to the problems of the life of man without God" he found a certain *relevance to the life of contemporary* Australia. His interest in the Soviet system did not blind him, however, to the disgraceful intellectual dishonesty in the treatment of great Russian authors.

When the first volume of *A History of Australia*, which dealt with the period from earliest times to the age of Macquarie, appeared it drew a reaction of astonishment and hostility. Its inaccuracies and lack of interest in certain sorts of detail bemused and infuriated those who had looked primarily for these qualities in such a large undertaking. But as Clark was to cry towards the end of his life (as Gibbon and Macaulay might well have asserted before him) "historians are not analysts, they are lovers and believers", and he was always prepared to risk his professional reputation in those twin causes. The Australian audience was quite unprepared for Clark's treatment of history as a moral drama, his sweeping and tragic view of life, his belief that all men are pitifully equipped to achieve what they seek, and that even the most noble have self-destroying elements in their characters. The volume was savaged in the influential weekly *Bulletin* and for months a storm raged over it until in a review which itself stands as a landmark of historical criticism Professor Bede Nairn stilled it with the view that Clark's volume was not only a feat of historical scholarship but a work of "considerable literature, of enduring artistic value".

Subsequent volumes elaborated Clark's view of what he saw as the catastrophic attachment of Australia to the far-off "motherland" in the Menzies years, and until the last volume he continued to provoke his countrymen with his comments on the national uncertainty about Australia's identity. He was for example exceedingly angry over the dismissal of Mr Gough Whitlam by the governor-general, Sir John Kerr, and spoke at a rally in Sydney town hall on "Kerr and the consequences", to the fury of the new government of Malcolm Fraser. When the Australian Broadcasting Commission asked him to deliver the 1976 Boyer lectures a fearful executive demanded to see his scripts in advance. Nevertheless, along with the criticism ("we have the values of the counting house. We are interest rate men") there was an abiding belief that Australia had at last come out from under the shadow of Britain and was in consequence "less likely to cringe and grovel to a foreign power".

Clark loved the bush and travelled in the outback in the wake of the first explorers. He owned a little property on the coast where he fished and ran cattle. He loved cricket and Australian rules football. Besides several other scholarly volumes and a *Short History of Australia* (1963) he also published an affectionate biography of the the poet and story writer Henry Lawson, whom he saw as an example of the type of man of vision the materialistic side of Australian society was prone to trample on. This, too, caused outrage. But in his castigation of "the greed and titillation culture, the Kingdom of Nothingness", he hoped to the last to see a new and better country under the Southern Cross.

He leaves his widow, Dymphna, five sons, one of whom, Andrew, is European correspondent of *The Australian Financial Review*, and a daughter.

FU CHENG

Fu Cheng, Taiwanese politician, died on May 11 of cancer aged 63. He was born in the Jiang Su province of mainland China in 1928.

FU CHENG was a pioneer of Taiwan's opposition movement during the one party rule of the Chiang Kai-shek era and, in 1986, one of the founding members of the island's first viable alternative political grouping, the Democratic Progressive party.

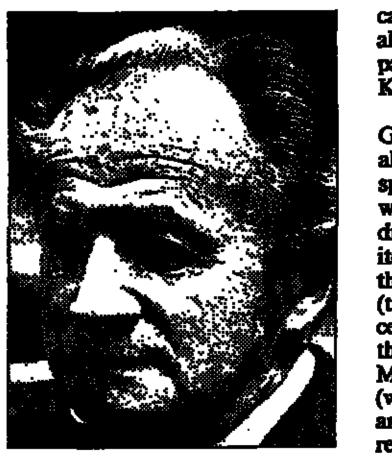
Fu was an associate of Lei Chen, also a mainland-born intellectual, and served as editor of Lei's fortnightly political journal, *Free China*. The two men attempted to form the China Democratic party in 1960 to challenge the martial law regime of Chiang Kai-shek but the Kuomintang reacted harshly. Fu was accused of spreading communist propaganda and Lei was charged with harbouring a communist on his staff. It is believed that the specific reason for the action of the authorities was the men's opposition to *Chiang's plan to override* the constitution and seek a third term in office. Both were sentenced to prison, Fu serving six years and three months and Lei serving ten years.

After Fu's release from prison he once again became involved in politics, working with a small group of political dissidents known as *gangwai* or literally "outside the party", a reference to Taiwan's one-party monopoly. In *September 1986* when Chiang Kai-shek's son and successor, Chiang Ching-kuo, began the gradual process of political liberalisation, Fu and other dissidents defied the government's continuing ban on political parties to form the Democratic Progressive party. This time the party was tolerated and became the first opposition party to run in an election in December that year, albeit illegally. The party became *formally* legal only after martial law was lifted in 1987.

Fu failed to win a seat in the elections of 1989, but he continued to serve as an adviser to the DPP although he was one of the few members to favour the reunification of China rather than self-determination for the islanders — the party's official policy.

WILHELM KEMPFF

Wilhelm Kempff, German pianist, died on May 23 aged 95. He was born at Jüterbog on November 25, 1895.



WILHELM Kempff was one of the most thoughtful and rewarding interpreters of the Austro-German pianists of his generation, but his skills extended into other areas: he was a renowned player of, among others, Chopin and Liszt. He was also in demand as a chamber-music pianist, and at various periods of his long career teamed up with many noted string players to tackle sonatas for two instruments and the piano quartet and quintet repertory. Before the war he and the violinist Georg Kulenkampff were a noted duo — "I was the impulsive player, he was the classical, thoughtful one", he once said. Menuhin and Fournier were among his partners after Kulenkampff's early death.

Kempff came from a family of church musicians and began his studies with his father, after which, at the age of only nine, he entered the Berlin Academy of Music, working with Robert Kahn on composition and Heinrich Barth on the piano. After further studies, in philosophy and the history of music, he began his career by touring as pianist and organist with the Berlin Cathedral Choir. He recalled as a youth hearing Busoni play his own music, meeting Sibelius, and hearing — from the fifth row of the balcony of the Berlin Hofoper — Caruso (in 1912) singing Don José.

His debut recital in the Berlin Singakademie in 1915 was a foretaste of what was to come. The young pianist tackled a programme that included two of the most formidable works, technically and intellectually, in the pianist's repertory — Beethoven's "Hammerklavier" Sonata and Brahms's Paganini Variations. He was immediately acknowledged as a player of enormous promise and the recital led to his first appearance with the Berlin Philharmonic in 1918.

From then until the outbreak of the second world war he established himself securely on the international scene with tours all over the Continent, South America and Japan — but not to Britain. His debut here was delayed until 1951, when he was immediately acknowledged as a player of formidable stature. From then on he was a regular visitor both in recital and concertos. He gave many performances of the complete cycle of Beethoven's piano sonatas, preferring to tackle them chronologically because that gave a biography of the composer in musical terms. "In Opus 110 you can almost hear the composer's bodily pains near the end of his life," Kempff averred.

He recorded for Deutsche Grammophon over a period of almost 60 years, broken only by a spell just after the war with Decca with whom he made a number of discs that have become collector's items. Back with DG, he recorded the complete sonatas of Beethoven (twice over), the Beethoven concertos, all the sonatas of Schubert, the Beethoven violin sonatas (with Menuhin) and his cello sonatas (with Fournier). Many of these sets are considered classics and have reappeared on CD.

Kempff's playing was notable for its lyrical, almost improvisatory nature, yet in spite of this apparent spontaneity of approach, his readings were controlled by a sharp-edged intellect. He concentrated on a singing legato, clarity of texture, and a natural fluidity where tempo was concerned. He always avoided any harshness of tone, preferring to impress by beauty and intellect rather than by bombarding the ear with decibels. In spite of his emphasis on the German classics he had loved Chopin from his student days and often quoted Furtwängler's dictum to those who were shocked at him playing a composer some considered inferior: "A pianist who doesn't love Chopin is no pianist." Kempff felt that playing Chopin and Liszt kept him from becoming too academic in his music-making although he deliberately eschewed Liszt's more showy pieces.

Kempff was also an eminent teacher, before the war at the Music Academy in Stuttgart and at summer courses in Potsdam. From 1957 he directed courses on Beethoven at Positano. He also composed — two symphonies, a violin concerto, chamber music, song, ballet scores, and no fewer than four operas, all alas, forgotten. They are in a tonal vein as he abhorred most of the modern "advances" in composition. He also edited the piano works of Schumann, another composer Kempff interpreted with great discernment.

His wife died five years ago. He is survived by seven children.

Church services tomorrow

TRINITY SUNDAY

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Papa Marcelli (Palestrina), Ave verum corpus (Elgar), The Precentor; 3.15 E, Responses (Harvey), Collegium Regale (Howells), O how glorius (Harwood); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev Dr C A Lewis.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, V Williams in G minor, O taste and see (V Williams), Rev J Young; 11.30 M, Responses (Leighton), Britten in C; 4 E, Stanford in A, Exultate justi in Domino (Hackenberger), Rev L Carberry.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8, 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), The Cherubic Hymn (Gretchaninoff); 3.15 E, Jackson in G, Ross in E, Duo seraphim (Dering).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Neary), Britten in C, Hymn of the Cherubim (Rachmaninov), Rev K Thom; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Grier Mass (first performance), Canon P Bates; 3 E, Wood in F (Collegium Regale), *Faire is the heaven (Harris)*, Canon P Bates; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 ES, Rev P Ferguson.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Missa Papa Marcelli (Palestrina), Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Canon P Price; 3 E, Sumsion in G, I will lift up mine eyes (Walker), Rev N Worn.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10 MP; 10.30 SM, Missa Festiva (Peeters), Tibi laus (Philips), Ave verum corpus (Philips), Hymn au Soleil (Vierne); 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 S V & B, Magnificat quarti toni (Palestrina), Ecce vicit Leo (Philips), Naiades (Vierne).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 6 LM; 10 Children's LM; 11.30 HM, Missa pontificalis (Perosi), Fr McVeigh.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W1: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Sung Euch, Leighton in D, Canon C J Hill.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum (V Williams), Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Mr F Field, MP; 12.30 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: No service.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Holy, Holy, Holy (Schubert), O beata et gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), Entry of the Boyards (Halvorsen), The Chaplain; 12 HC.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: No service.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: No services until 16 June.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M, Responses (Tomkins), Collegium Regale (Howells), Gloria in Excelsis (Weelkes), Rev R D Gould.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30, 11.15 HC, Collegium Regale (Howells), Holy God, Holy and immortal, Have mercy upon us, Hymn of the Cherubim (Rachmaninoff), The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9, 12.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev A T R Goode's, The Ven B N Halfpenny, Chaplain in Chief (RAF).

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: *8.30 HC, 11 M*, Responses (Smith), Ireland in F, Alleluia! I heard a voice (Weelkes); 3.30 E, Responses (Rose), Hail gladdening light (Wood), Bairstow in D, I saw the Lord (Stainer).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Sung Euch, Rev I Thurston.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Messe Solennelle (Gounod), I saw the Lord (Stainer), The Vicar; 6 E & B, In the Dorian Mode (Arnold), O beata et gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), Rev C A Jones.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev I Bentley; 6.30 Preb R Bewes.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Mr D N Royce; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Rev S Acland.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Mass in C (Mozart), I saw the Lord (Stainer), Fugue in E flat (Bach), Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family & HC, Rev N G P Gumbel; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev J A K Millar.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 Choral MP, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Mass in B flat (Rachmaninoff), Rev J Knight; 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M & HC, Short Service (Gibbons), A, Tibi laus (Philips), Rev A Winter; 6.30 Choral Euch, Byrd (Four part), A, Ego sum panis vivus (Esquivel), Rev M Woodgate.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Stanford in B flat, Whitlock in G, Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Brewer in D, O lux beata Trinitas (Byrd), I saw the Lord (Stainer), Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Whitlock in G, Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch; 6.30 EP, Fr Michael Day.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Mozart in C, A, O beata et Gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev P Faunch; 6.30 EP, Rev P Faunch.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 Family Service, Rev Preb M Bunker; 6.30 Spotlight Service.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 Missa simile est (Lobo), Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Rev B Galloway; 6 Blair in B minor, Where Thou Reignest (Schubert), The Vicar.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch with Children's Church, Rev T Birchard; 6.30 ES, Rev O Ross.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Mass (Latin); 11 SM, Fr G Bright; 6 V & B.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 Sung Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Alleluia, I Heard A Voice (Weelkes), Rev A Walker.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, O Salutaris (Nicholson), Rev S Watson; 6.30 E, Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Rev D Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart), Ave verum (Mozart), Rev R Holloway.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Ave verum (Faure), Agnus Dei (Britten), Rev J Pridmore; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E, Responses (Bradbury), Sumsion in G, The Lord's my shepherd (Greene); 6.30 ES, The Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, Mr D Small; 11.15 M, Mr D Small; 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Fr J Slater; 6.15 E & S B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa brevis (Kodaly), Hymn to the Trinity (Rachmaninov), Rev I Brown; 6.30 EP.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung C, Rev E Thompson.

ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter Street, SW1: 8 LM; 10 Sung Mass, Music: Murray, Rev M Hayes; 6.30 LM.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15, 11 HC, Rev J Crossley; 7 ES & HC, Rev J Crossley.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M, Blessing and glory and wisdom (Boyce), Responses (Aylewarde), Stanford in B flat, I saw the Lord (Stainer), The Rector.

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Rev T Gilfillan; 6.30 Rev N K Lee.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), O beata et gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), Jubilate Deo (Lassus), Rev C Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa Corona spinea, Fr D Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, I saw the Lord (Stainer), Rev G James; 6.30 E, Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa o magnum mysterium (Victoria), Tibi laus (Philips), Holy, holy, holy (Tomkins), Fr J Towers; 6 Solemn E & B, Fr C Colven.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM, The Rector.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev W A Cairns; 6.30 Rev J H McIndoe.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev H G Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Salve Regina (Koenen), Salve Regina (Sewell).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Sung Mass, Missa ecce ego Ioannes (Palestrina), Libera nos (Sheppard).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Tibi laus, tibi gloria (Lassus), Locus iste (Bruckner).

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa brevis in F (Mozart), O beata et gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Duo Seraphim (Victoria).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass, Missa brevis (Palestrina), O beata Trinitas (Palestrina), Prelude in E (Bach).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 MM, Missa Sine Nomine (Palestrina), Benedicta Sit Sancta Trinitas (Palestrina), Jesu Dulcis Memoria (Palestrina), 12.15, 6.30.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 Rev N Rivett-Carnac.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Mr J Storer; 6 Mr P Mansbridge.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev J Lampard; 6.30 Rev P Hour.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9 & 11, Wynne Lewis; 2.30 Family Service, Colin Dye; 6.30 Musical: 9 Talkback.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 Jane Strang; 6.30 David Small.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev B Tattey.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11, 3 and 6.30 Major & Mrs Colin Hunt.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Music: Tennessee Tech Chorale, Rev V F Frazier; 7 Jazz Vespers, Rev W D Swanson.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, Lords Roundabout, NW8: 11 Rev Dr D T Jenkins.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr R J Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Dinner

Cardiff & County Club

The Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, RNR, responded to the toast to Cardiff and County Club proposed by the Marquess of Bute at a dinner held at the Club last night to celebrate the Club's 125th anniversary. Sir Maynard Jenour, President of the Club, presided.

Memorial service

Mr Ron Pickering

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Ron Pickering was held yesterday at All Souls, Langham Place. Prebendary Richard Bewes officiated, assisted by the Rev Ernest Rea, Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC. Mr Cliff Morgan read a lesson and an extract from the *Prayer of St Francis of Assisi*. Mr Lynn Davies introduced Mrs Meriel Davies who read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Mr John Hillier introduced Mr Shaun Pickering, son, who read Rudyard Kipling's *If*. Mr Micky Morris, captain of Haringey Athletics Club, and Mr David Coleman gave addresses. Mr David Vine introduced a recording of extracts from commentaries by Ron Pickering compiled by Mr Jonathan Martin. Among others present were:

Mrs Pickering (widow), Mr and Mrs John Quinlan (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Guy Vekian, Mrs Kit Pickering (step-mother), Miss June Hall (stepsister), Mr and Mrs Bill Taylor (brother-in-law and sister) Mrs Pat Crawford (sister-in-law), Dr and Mrs Mark McGurk, Mr Jonathan McGurk, Mr and Mrs Ewan Robbie, Mr and Mrs Graham Pettingale.

Mr Denis Howell, MP, Sir Roger and Lady Cary, Sir Paul Fox, the Mayor and Mayoress of Haringey, Mr Will Wyatt (managing-director, Network Television, BBC) with Mr David Hatch (managing-director, Network Radio), Mr Jonathan Martin, Mr Mike Lewis, Miss Ella Slack, Mr Terry Smith, Miss Norma Gilbert, Mr John Rowlinson, Mr Ted Bragg, Mr Alun Williams, Mrs Pat Thornton and other past and present members of staff.

Mr Mark Butler (International Amateur Athletic Federation), Mrs Eileen Gray and Mr Kevin Hickey (British Olympic Association), Miss Marea Hartman (chairman, British Amateur Athletics Board) with Mr John Lister, Mr Frank Dick and Mr Tony Ward; Mr Mike Farrell (general-secretary Amateur Athletic Association) with Mr Roy Rogers; Mr Reginald Snow and Mr David Williams (Athletic Association of Wales), Mrs Maeve Kyle (president, Northern Ireland Athletics Federation), Mr Eddie Kulukundis (Sports Aid Foundation), Mr Charles Palmer, Mr John Birch and Miss M Verroken (Sports Council), Mr Frank Adams, Mr Ian Grant and Mr Ian Fenn (Haringey Athletics Club), Mr Chris Brasher and Mr John Disley (London Marathon) and Mrs Disley, Mr Don Taylor (BSAD and the Wheelchair London Marathon).

Mr N Simons (London Athletic Club), Mr Tony Weeks-Pearson and Mr Ken Johnson (Blackheath Harriers), Mr Ken Finding (Newham Essex Beagles), Mr Roy Stratton (Enfield Harriers), Mr Bob Parker (Shaftesbury Harriers), Mr D Simpson and Mrs Gwen Simpson (president, Essex Ladies' Athletics Club), Mr Stan Edwards (Haringey Sports Council), Mr Mark Barker (Modern Pentathlon), Mr Jim Munn (West Midlands Sports Council), Mr Richard Callicott (English Volleyball Association), Mrs Sue Foreman (All England Netball Association), Mrs J Allen (International Athletics Club), Mr Dick Fisher (Physical Education Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr Rob Walker (British Trampolining Federation), Mr Glyn Jones (Haringey Rugby Club), Dr George Torkildsen (Pickering Torkildsen Partnership) and Mrs Torkildsen, Mr Norman Urmston (Ron Pickering Memorial Fund) and Mrs Urmston.

Mr John Goodbody (*The Times*), Mr Colin Hart (*The Sun*), Mr Patrick Collins (*The Mail on Sunday*), Mr M Watman (*Athletics Today*) and Mrs Watman, Mr Sylvester Stein (*Running Magazine*), Mr Bob Burrows (ITV), Mr Peter Matthews (Guinness Book of Records), Mr Gordon Roberts (Eastern Electricity), Mr Peter Jones and Mrs C Jones (Coopers Deloitte), Mr P Donlan (CBS Sports), Mr David Fisher (Hove Borough Council Leisure Services), Mr Bob Fatovic (HCI International), Mr Peter Green (Grant Thornton), Mr George William (Guardian Royal Exchange) and Mrs Williams, Mr Garry Whannel (Roehampton Institute), Mr David Segal (West End Travel), Mr Howard Narraway (Sports Bureau International), Mr Mark McAllister (Christians in Sport), Mr Paul Shiends (ABC Sports), Mr Bill McLoughlin (St Mary's College, Twickenham), Mr Roger Bottomley (City Centre Leisure), Mr Stan Buttimer (Polytechnic of North London), Mr Mervyn Beck (Carnegie College, Leeds), Mrs Frank Adams (Keble School, North London), Mr George Uren, Mrs Lesley Pilkington and Mr and Mrs George Brunner (Sportshall Athletics).

Mr and Mrs Peter Dimmock, Mr Stephen Heard, Mrs David Coleman, Mrs David Vine, Mr and Mrs Alan Pascoe, Mr and Mrs David Hemery, Mr and Mrs Daley Thompson, Mr David Bedford, Mr Alec Weeks, Mr Alan Weeks, Mrs S Shrewsbury, Mr Alan Mounce, Mr and Mrs John Howell, Mr and Mrs William Gerard, Mr and Mrs Stewart Storey, Mr Norris McWhirter, Mr and Mrs Wilf Paish, Mr and Mrs Bill Pugh, Mr Phil Green, Mr and Mrs Don Pratt, Dr Alan Skirving, Mr Geoff Wald, Mr Richard Taylor, Mr Harry Bromley, Mr and Mrs Stewart Banner, Dr Mike Lindsay, Mr Dan Anthony, Mr and Mrs Roger Webb, Mr and Mrs Ken Norris, Mr Jim Hogan, Mr and Mrs Barry Williams, Mr Paul Head, Professor and Mrs Peter Radford, Mrs John Savage, Mr Denis Watts, Mr E Obeng, Mr Barry Wilson, Mr Tim Hutchings, Mr and Mrs John Legge, Mr Alan Lewill, Mr Barry Davies, Mrs Jasmin Morris, Mr David Travis, Mr Doug Wilson, Mr John Lister, Mr Bob Sparks, Mr Barry Quinlan, Mr Paul Atherton, Mr Michael Whitaker, Mr Pat Butcher, Miss Betty Griffith, Mr and Mrs Stan Greenberg, Mr Tony Ward, Mrs Judith Simpson, Mr Jonathan Solly, Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme, Mr and Mrs Bruce Tulloh, Mr and Mrs John Parlett, Mr M Fenner, Mr Garth Crooks, Mr Jon Ridgeon, Mr Mark Micheimore, Mr Tom McNab, Mr Ron Howe, Mr John Motson, Mr Tony Webb and Mr Peter Brown.

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Sumerian jar holds traces of world's earliest wine

EVIDENCE of the earliest wine in the world has been detected in the remains of a Sumerian jar found at the site of Godin Tepe in western Iran. The vintage dates to around 3500 BC (Norman Hammond writes).

A distinctive red deposit on the inside of the vessel was identified as tartaric acid, found in nature almost exclusively in grapes. The discovery was made by Virginia Badler of Toronto university when she was reassembling the shards of the broken vessel. She noticed the red stain on the bottom and one side, showing that liquid had been kept in the jar which had been stored on its side, presumably to keep the seal moist.

The jar had a long narrow neck, similar to those of wine amphorae from later periods. Several more jars along with pottery stoppers and funnels were found in a room of an affluent family's house. Dr Patrick McGovern of Pennsylvania university, who directed the excavations at Godin Tepe, said that he was 95 per cent sure that the residue was from wine, on the basis of infra-red spectroscopy analysis.

Until now the earliest evidence of wine has been from Egyptian texts of the early third millennium BC. Although grape pips have been found in sites 4,000 years older in the Caucasus there is no indication that they were fermented into a beverage.

The find was discussed at a conference held, most appropriately, at the Robert Mondavi Winery in California.

CHRIS HARRIS

Dream time: Louise Gold (Titania) and Bill Homewood (Oberon) rehearsing *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in the Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, London

Stone Age site may be 500,000 years old

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's most intriguing Stone Age sites may be nearly half a million years old, recent work by the British Museum suggests. Flint tools found at High Lodge in Suffolk have been known for over a century, but until now have been considered no more than 200,000 years old.

High Lodge, a disused clay pit near Mildenhall, "is one of the classic problems of the British Palaeolithic", say Jill Cook and Nick Ashton. "Flint tools were originally found there in the nineteenth century, but since these were flake tools they were considered to be Middle Palaeolithic." The problem was that in a gravel layer above the silt containing the flake tools were handaxes typical of the preceding Lower Palaeolithic, a stratigraphic inversion that has only now been explained, but which "has proved that High Lodge is indeed one of the oldest known archaeological sites in Britain".

A joint study by the museum and two geologists from Royal Holloway and new Bedford College, Simon Lewis and Professor Jim Rose, has shown that the tools were made and discarded on the margins of a river which once flowed east from the Midlands across East Anglia. The tools became incorporated into thick silt beds. When a major ice sheet expanded southwards some 50,000 years later, it gouged up the silt beds, which were left perched on top of the boulder-clay debris left by the glacier. Sand and gravel carried by melt waters then redeposited other materials, including handaxes from an early site nearby, above the silts.

Many of the tools remained in their original relative positions within the silt beds in spite of translocation. "The position indicates that their makers were camping around the margins of still pools or perhaps meander cutoffs: beetle remains indicate a marshy environment, whilst pollen and plant remains suggest that there was some forest composed mainly of spruce, pine and birch, nearby," the investigators say. The climate was slightly cooler than today, and the tooth of an extinct species of rhinoceros helped to date the site to the period before the Anglian glaciation of around 450,000 years ago.

"The research is helping to revise long held concepts of technological change and cultural variation during the Palaeolithic Age", the British Museum team say.

Source: Current Archaeology 123: 133-8.

Anniversaries

TODAY

BIRTHS: Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton, novelist, London, 1803; ralph Waldo Emerson, writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1803; Jacob Burckhardt, historian, Basel, 1818; Tom Sayers, champion bare-knuckle fighter, Brighton, 1826; Max Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, Maple, Ontario, 1879; Igor Sikorsky, pioneer of the helicopter, Kiev, 1889; Theodore Roethke, poet, Saginaw, Michigan, 1908.

DEATHS: The Venerable Bede, theologian, Jarrow, 735; Pedro Calderón de la Barca, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1681; Gustave Holst, composer, London, 1934; Jacques Feyder, film director, Switzerland, 1948; Robert Capa, photographer, killed in Vietnam, 1954.

The Bank Holidays Act passed, 1871. The consecration of the re-built Coventry Cathedral, 1962.

TOMORROW

BIRTHS: Philippe de Champaigne, painter, Brussels, 1602; John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, soldier, Ashe, Devon, 1650; Edmund de Goncourt, novelist, Nancy, France, 1882; Mary, queen consort of George V, Kensington Palace, 1867; Al Jolson, Seredzius, Lithuania, 1886; John Wayne, film actor, Winterset, Iowa, 1907.

DEATHS: Saint Augustine, 1st Archbishop of Canterbury 601-604/05, Canterbury, 604/5; Samuel Pepys, London, 1703; Thomas Southern, dramatist, London, 1746; John Curwen, music educator, founder of the tonic sol-fa system, Manchester, 1880; Charles Mayo, surgeon, Chicago, 1939; Lincoln Ellsworth, explorer and engineer, New York, 1951; Jacques Lipschitz, sculptor, Isle of Capri, 1973.

First issue of £1 and £2 banknotes in England, 1797. End of the American Civil War, 1865. Michael Barrett, a Fenian, was executed in London — the last public execution in England, 1868.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Dr John Axford, Mr Arthur Harverd, Mr Patrick McHugh **and Baroness Platt of Writtle** to be members of Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology.

Professor Colin Andrew, Sir Colin Chandler, Mr Michael Hoffman and **Mr Norman Penny** to be members of the Engineering Council.

The following to be Deputy Lieutenants of East Sussex: Mrs Phyllida Katherine Stewart-Roberts, of Offham; Mr Ronald Bates, of Hove; Mr Quintin Barry, of Shoreham by Sea; and Mr Peter Dunn, of Heathfield.

Memorial services

Mr Kenneth Mackenzie

The Clerk of the House of Commons and Lady Boulton attended a memorial service for Mr Kenneth Mackenzie held yesterday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster. Canon Donald Gray, Speaker's Chaplain, and Father Stephen Tynan officiated. The Rev Donald Peyton Jones read the lesson, Sir Kenneth Bradshaw read from *The English Parliament* by Kenneth Mackenzie and Mrs Elizabeth Byrne Hill, daughter, from Dante's *Divine Comedy* translated by Kenneth Mackenzie. Mr Michael Ryle gave an address.

Mr Michael Duncan

A memorial service for Mr Michael Duncan was held yesterday at St Bartholomew's, Otford, Kent. The Rev David Towne officiated and read the lesson. Mr Peter Rowland read from the works of Boris Pasternak and Mr J. Penney gave an address.

Luncheon

Africa-European Community Association

Mr Niilo Taapopi, Acting High Commissioner for Namibia, was the guest of honour and speaker at an Africa Day luncheon arranged by the Africa-European Community Association at Over-Seas House, St James's, yesterday. Mr Anders Häggö presided. The High Commissioners for Mauritius, Uganda and Tanzania were present.

City of London Solicitors' Company

The following have been elected officers of the City of London Solicitors' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr R.H.V. Dixon; Senior Warden, Mr J.A. Rowson; Junior Warden, Mr Alderman and Sheriff Christopher Walford.

Flying Fortress war mural

A section of wall from the crew room of a wartime American airfield at Podington, Bedfordshire, has become an exhibit at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, near Cambridge.

A large mural of a B-17 Flying Fortress painted by a member of the 92nd Bomb Group in 1944 has been restored and is now part of a display about the US 8th Airforce in Britain.

After the war the building became a pigsty but three years ago the wall was cut away and transported to the museum.

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ON THIS DAY

1925

The unveiling of Epstein's "Rima" in Hyde Park was the subject of 'On this Day' May 19 1989. Rarely does a Times correspondent reply in public to those who disagree with his writings. On this occasion so many were his critics that he (Charles Marriott) felt he must justify his opinion on the sculpture.

THE HUDSON MEMORIAL.

VIEWS ON MR. EPSTEIN'S PANEL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—There is no arguing about taste in art, but in view of Mr. George Hubbard's letter in your issue of May 20 and other criticisms of Mr. Jacob Epstein's panel in the Hudson memorial, I feel moved to say how the work strikes one observer.

First, as to the conception. I had not read " Green Mansions," for nearly 20 years and had forgotten the details of the romance and the names of the characters ; but directly I saw the first sketch of the panel I exclaimed : "Ah—'Green Mansions.' " Formal purists may say that this is irrelevant to the merits of the panel as a work of art, but it seems to me that a sculptor who, without direct illustration, can get so close to the spirit of what, I venture to think, is Hudson's most characteristic writing as to recall it immediately after nearly 20 years has taken the first step to a worthy memorial to that great writer.

... in its actual execution, the panel is a splendid example of direct stone carving. To cavil at the departures from realism involved is to make humbug of the commonly professed admiration of the sculptures of Chartres and Reims. Again, let me hasten to say, I do not suggest that Mr. Epstein has worked in "the Gothic tradition " ; he has worked in the much older tradition, persisting through all the " styles " in sculpture worth the name, of stone carving. Any " archaic " suggestion in type of figure or treatment of form is due to that, and that only—*plus* the irresistible influence of subject. If the work has a particular flavour it is that of Hudson himself as expressed in " Green Mansions " ; that of something half human, half of the woods—remote from, though not unfriendly to, humanity, fiercely gentle, passionately shy—the flavour, in fact, that is present in the old legends of Pan and the dryads.

It does not surprise me that, when the panel was unveiled, many were disconcerted. Hudson, in his conception of nature, was a disconcerting person ; and those who are repelled by Mr. Epstein's panel would have been repelled by Hudson's writings —if they had approached them without the support of his now fashionable reputation. I believe I am right in saying that the first edition of " Green Mansions " fell dead from the press. So much depends upon the conception of " nature." I cannot help thinking that those who are repelled by Mr. Epstein's panel conceive of nature as an opportunity for picnics and of the birds as a sort of obsequious pensioners. That was not Hudson's view of either, nor is it the idea behind a bird sanctuary, which is essentially that of leaving them to their own wild, sweet affairs ; and it is because Mr. Epstein has embodied this idea with disconcerting force in the uprush of a wild, free spirit with attendant birds, as wild and as free, with what may fairly be called classical restraint in design, in terms of perfect craftsmanship, that I believe him to have made a worthy memorial to Hudson. This does not make me uncritical of detail—the sudden constriction of the figure below the ribs, for example, which suggests a more sophisticated type than is proper to a dryad ;...

One little thing in conclusion. As I stood before the memorial this morning, listening quietly to the *comments of my neighbours*, a gentleman beside me said to a very small boy. " What do you think of it? " The child said : " I like it." To the question " What do you like? " the child replied : " I like the picture of the birds." Truly I believe that, when the critics of Mr. Epstein's panel have got over the first shock of being brought face to face with nature as Hudson understood it, they will be of the child's way of thinking

May22 YOUR ART CRITIC.

Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads.
Ephesians 6:18 GNB

BIRTHS

ALINGTON - On May 20th, at St Thomas', to Piers and Caroline (née Boreham), a daughter, Emma Louise Argentine, a sister for Katherine.

BROOKER - On May 20th 1991, to Emma (née Leeds) and Simon, a son, James William Stewart.

BROWN - On May 23rd, to Josephine (née Olech) and Philip, a daughter, Catherine Louise.

BUDENBERG - On May 19th 1991, to Jacqueline (née Purcell) and Robin, a son, Charles Patrick (Charlie).

GLAZE - see Shawdon.

GUNSON - On May 21st, to Carol (née Pogson) and Martin, a daughter, Imogen Margaret, a sister for Edward and Jonathan.

HASLAM - On May 22nd, at BMH, Iserlohn, to Jean (née Farquharson) and Guy, a daughter, Kirsty Charlotte Iona.

HUGHES - On May 21st 1991, to Anna (née Stewart Cox) and Philip, a daughter, Isabel May.

MADDERS - On May 10th, in Paris, to Susanne and Kevin, a daughter, Louisa Estelle, a sister to Michelle.

MILNE - On May 14th 1991, to Hilary (née Doughty) and John, a son, Douglas Allan Ross.

PRITCHETT - On Wednesday May 22nd 1991, at Shirley Oaks, to Linda and Mark, a son, Maximilian Guy Henry, a brother for Kathryn.

SANDHU - On May 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, a son to Hardy and Marie-Louise, a brother for Rohan.

SHAWDON - On May 17th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Belinda (née Glaze) and Tom, a son, Jack Frederick Illingworth.

STUCHELI - On May 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Hanspeter and Marion, a son, Jasper.

WYLD - On May 22nd, to Carrie and David, a daughter, a sister for Lottie and Alexandra.

MARRIAGES

FAULKNER:PRITCHARD - The marriage of Gary Faulkner and Charmaine Pritchard took place on Saturday May 4th at All Saints Church, Hitcham, Suffolk.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

JOHNSON:CUMMINS - On May 26th 1941, Anthony Coventry to Mary.

DEATHS

ALBERT - On May 22nd, peacefully in Norfolk, Henry Edward, aged 94, much loved husband of Gretel and father of John.

BANGHAM - On May 23rd, as a result of an accident in Thailand, Richard Anthony, aged 24. Dearly loved son of William and June and brother of Devid. Private family Memorial Service at a later date.

BELK - On May 23rd, peacefully, Humphrey Cochrane Belk (Toby), aged 88, Solicitor, dear husband of Eirene and loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Tandridge, Surrey, at 11.30am on Thursday May 30th, followed by cremation. No mourning or flowers by request.

CARTER - On May 23rd 1991, David John, I.S.O., aged 80 years, suddenly and peacefully at his home, Pen-y-Maes, Llangollen (formerly of Farnham, Surrey), much loved husband of the late Rosamund (Jane), father of Belinda, Christeen and Roger and of his six grandchildren. Funeral Service at the Church of St Collen, Llangollen, on Tuesday May 28th at 2 pm, followed by committal at Pentrebychan Crematorium, nr. Wrexham. *Family flowers only.* Donations, if desired, to The Children's Society. Enquiries to W & J Thomas, Funeral Directors Llangollen 860519.

CHESWORTH - On May 24th 1991, suddenly, Donald Piers, OBE. Funeral Service at 11.30 am on Monday June 3rd at St Botolph Aldgate, London EC3, followed by cremation at the City of London Crematorium, Aldersbrook Road, E12 at 1pm. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, to Children's Beach at the Tower of London Project, or the Stepney Children's Fund c/o Bernard Sheridan, Sheridans Solicitors, 14 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4QL. A Memorial Service will be held later.

DIMSDALE - On May 23rd 1991, peacefully at St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, Baroness Elizabeth Mary, aged 80 years. Funeral Service at Barkway on Friday May 31st at 3 pm. Flowers, or donations for Barkway Church may be sent to Cecil Newling, 3 Green Drift, Royston, Herts.

FREEMAN - On May 19th, peacefully at home, Arthur, aged 77 years, of Caer Ffynnon, Barry, South Glamorgan, formerly of Wimbledon, London. Funeral on Thursday May 30th.

GOODSON - On Monday May 20th, suddenly, Kenneth Robert. The funeral will take place on Tuesday May 28th at St Dunstan's Church, Woking at 2 pm.

GREENALL - On May 21st, quietly after a short illness, Philip Dalton, aged 76, darling husband of Stella. Funeral Service at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, NW3, at 1 pm on Friday May 31st, followed by burial at St Paul's Church, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill at 3 pm. Flowers to Leverton's, 624 Finchley Road, Golders Green (081) 455-4992 before 10.30 am on May 31st: donations to Friends of the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead.

HARRINGTON - On May 23rd, Edward Charles, retired Lt. Col. R.E., aged 90. Funeral Service at Gorleston Crematorium on Friday May 31st at 10.30am. No flowers.

IRVINE - On May 21st, Norah Winifred, wife of the late Robert, dearly loved mother of John, mother-in-law of Lesley and grandmother of Justin, Jonathan, Dominic and Oliver. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church, Cockermouth, on Wednesday May 29th at 9 am.

LUMGAIR - On May 22nd, at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Group Captain the Very Reverend David Lumgair, Master of Halkerton, C.B.E., C.St.J., B.D. RAF (retired) aged 84. Husband of the late Phoebe and much loved father of Isabella, Myrtle, Jessie and Morag. Enquiries to T.W. Birks & Son, Holmfirth (0484) 683322.

LYNCH - On Friday May 17th, Joe, in Arrowe Park Hospital, Birkenhead, Merseyside. For 28 years Joe was cartographer at the Department of Geology (Earth Sciences) at the University of Liverpool where generations of staff and students benefitted from his friendship, practical help and wisdom. His funeral will be on Wednesday May 29th, 3 pm at Landican Crematorium, Wirral. No flowers, but donations to Sight Saver Fund, St Paul's Eye Hospital, Liverpool 3; Royal National Lifeboat Institution (c/o Mr J Ardus, 5 King's Gap, Hoylake, Wirral); or ITU, Arrowe Park Hospital, Birkenhead, Merseyside.

McGILL - On May 22nd, suddenly in Dundee, Robert Hampton Robertson, aged 78. Beloved husband of Millie, father of Rosemary. Dundee Crematorium, May 29th, 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

McKEE - On May 24th 1991, Denis Francis, D.F.C., ex. Bomber Command, R.A.F., peacefully at Williton, Somerset. Beloved son of Caroline Wardrop and brother of Joan Howard. Enquiries c/o 0643-706123.

MOORE - On May 23rd 1991, tragically in a road accident in America, Richard, of Beacon Hill House, Longhorsley, Northumberland, beloved husband of the late Anne. Memorial Service to be announced later.

MORGAN - On May 22nd 1991, suddenly at Falkenham whilst on holiday from Canada, Vera Deisie (née Scotland), aged 78 years. Beloved wife of the late Frank and dearest mother of Ian and Gail and grandmother of Sonia and a dear sister to Margery. Funeral Service at St Ethelbert's Church, Falkenham, near Ipswich, Suffolk, on Tuesday May 28th at 11 am. Memorial Service to follow in Victoria, Canada. Enquiries to Gordon Rodwell, Funeral Directors, 79 St Andrews Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, tel: (0394) 284144.

NELSON - On May 13th 1991, suddenly of asthma, Amanda Christina, aged 28, dearly loved daughter of Eric and Marité, sister of Linda and granddaughter of Vera Nelson and fiancée of Keith Maslin. Funeral at Church of St Mary Virgin, Chieveley, Berks., on Tuesday June 4th at 3 pm. Flowers (by 11 am on June 4th) or donations to National Asthma Campaign may be sent c/o Turner Brothers Funeral Directors, 15 Hampton Road, Newbury, Berks. RG14 6DB.

PEARKES - On May 21st, peacefully at Chilverton, Crediton, Devon, John William, a kind and gentle man, much loved husband and father of Gillian, Tim, Andrew and Nicholas.

PICKLES - On Wednesday May 22nd, suddenly at home, Edward Henry Turner, aged 65 years, dear husband of Rosemary, father of David, Susie and grandfather of Kate. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Newnham, Cambridge, on Monday June 3rd at 3.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to University of Cambridge (MKCJ I). Prof. T.M. Cox, Research in to Metabolic Diseases, Department of Medicine, Level 5, Addenbrookes, Cambridge, gratefully appreciated.

PRENDERGAST - On May 20th, suddenly in hospital, Steven, loving husband of Elaine and much loved son of Stuart and Susan, brother of Shona and grandson of Helma Morrey. Family flowers only. Further enquiries to Edwin Bassett Funeral Directors. (071) 228-0360.

RUSSELL - On May 22nd 1991, peacefully at Dunvegan Nursing Home in Edinburgh, in her 88th year, Madeline Josephine. Devoted sister of Robert Reid Russell of Queensland, Australia, and of her late brothers John Withers Russell and Arthur Clement Russell. Cremation service private. Thanksgiving Service to be held at St Peter's Church, 77 Falcon Avenue, Edinburgh, on Thursday June 6th at 12 noon, to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only.

WARREN - On May 22nd, John Frederick, of Aldeburgh, Cliffords Inn and the Law Society, aged 77, much loved father, father-in-law, stepfather, grandfather and friend. Funeral Service 2.30 pm May 30th, Aldringham Church, Suffolk. Enquiries (0728) 603108. No flowers please. Donations to Save the Children.

WEBB - On May 23rd, peacefully at Staplehurst Manor Nursing Home, Reginald Ernest, aged 83, formerly of Ringwood, Pully and Glyn Mills, husband of Raymonde, father of Christopher, grandfather of Tessa and Richard. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday May 30th at 11.40 am. Family flowers only. Donations to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers or Parkinson's Disease Society, c/o K.B. Sills, tel: (0580) 712284.

WRAGG - On May 23rd 1991, Thomas Herbert Sutcliffe, peacefully after a long illness. Son of the late Sir Herbert Wragg and the late Mrs Wragg of Bretby, Derbyshire. The Funeral Service will be held at St Wystan's Church, Bretby, on Tuesday May 28th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if so desired for Cancer Research may be sent to Lloyds Bank, Swadlincote, Derbyshire. All enquiries to J.P. Springthorpe & Co., Funeral Directors, Castle Lodge, South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Tel: (0530) 417310.

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- and -
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THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 12th day of April 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of capital of the abovenamed Company from £6,450,000 to £3,323,562.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 10th day of June 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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Dated 22nd May 1991
A Robb-John and A R John
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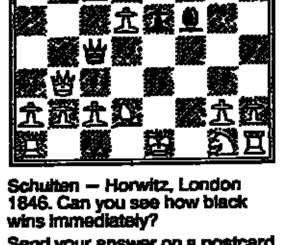
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



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Solution (May 18): 1 Rb8. The winners are: D. Williams, Dyfed; D. Poyner, Harlow; J.D. Wilks-Jones, Gwynedd.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

PETCOCK
(c) A small plug-cock fastened in a pipe or cylinderfor purposes of draining or testing, evidently from *pet + cock*: "The petcock is used to test the action of the pump, and to draw off confined steam or air."

HEMIPYGIC
(a) Having only one buttock, half-assed, an uncomfortable condition, from the Greek *hemisus* half + *puge* bottom; Davenport: "An ellipsoid that wobbles through a period of hemipygic asymetry to the beauty of a pear."

NACHUS
(c) Pride, especially in someone else, Yiddish: "Alright already, I've heard of nachus, but to write your dissertation on a nifter-pifter like Moses is meshugge."

PICAYUNE
(c) Mean, contemptible, paltry, the former name in the deep south for the Spanish half-real, which would not even buy you a nachos, from the Portuguese *picaioun*: "Most of the snags and pratfalls he cites seem to me picayune matters."

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Feather report

Comic bill for a serious bird

IF A team of crash-hot admen set out to design the most appealing bird they could think of, they would try to come up with something that combined cuddliness, clownishness and a thoroughly endearing touch of the grotesque. And if they were truly gifted, they would come up with a puffin: the only bird on the British list that could have been designed by Saatchi & Saatchi.

Puffins seem to have been created in order to convert the hardest agnostic to birding. That combination of dumpiness, jolly clockwork movements and unbelievable, brightly striped, enormous coracle of a bill — an improbable bill that stops millimetres short of total impossibility — could have been designed to charm people into conservation.

This weekend, the RSPB is organising cruises to view the puffins on Coquet Island, Northumberland: a 45-minute trip that offers to all-comers the wild over-the-top charm of the puffin. Who could resist a bird whose beak is described thus: "Both mandibles of bill basally blue-grey and distally bright red, these colours partly outlined and fully separated by yellow; distal part of bill symmetrically ridged; gape made obvious by yellow rictal tubercles."

I would never wish to be a kill-joy about anything so joyful as birding, but I would like to point out that the bird does not wear such a nose for comic relief. Life is a serious business for puffins: the beak was created in the Darwinian maelstrom, just as our hands and brains were. It was not created to amuse us, even if it does.

Many apparent absurdities are vital and life-giving devices: the beaks of the spoonbill, crossbill and duck-billed platypus are three examples of survival through a comic-relief adaptation. As a boy birder, I remember watching in silence while the rest of my junior school class roared with laughter at Walt Disney's comic nature films. This was wrong: life is supposed to be serious, I thought.

I hope I am less self-righteous now, but all the same, for a puffin, all that distally bright red and the yellow rictal tubercles are as serious as anything in life possibly could be. The bills are not only the tool with which the bird hunts and feeds, but also form the centrepiece of social and marital life. The size and capacity of the bill enables it to carry huge amounts of food to and from its nesting burrow: puffins are seabirds that only come ashore, to places like Coquet Island, to breed. They hunt by sitting on the water and diving deep for fish: puffins are British penguins which have retained the power of flight. They return to the burrow with that great beak overflowing with fish.

The great beak is also used for courtship and rivalry. Bill-gaping is the traditional threat, and used by either sex to repel rivals. Males protect their females with threatening yawns: should this escalate to a fight, they will lock bills and tumble down slopes, growling and kicking at each other as they go. It is wrestling rather than lethal combat. But this fearsome beak is also used for courtship, which involves noisy bill-to-bill clashes: a puffin's view of love is as idiosyncratic as anyone else's. The birds tend to mate for life: observers of one colony recorded a "divorce rate" of a mere 7.8 per cent a year.

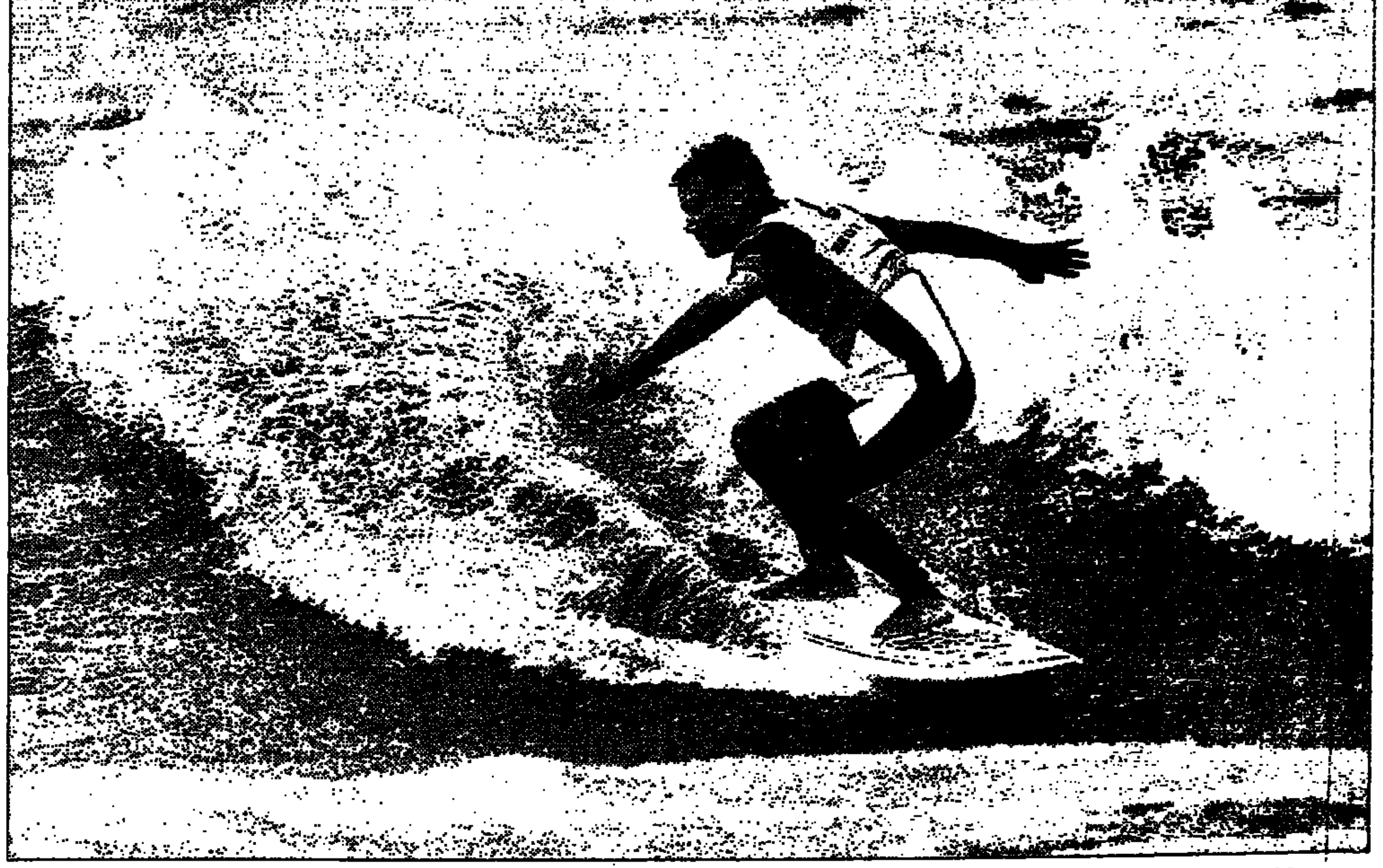
I am all for people enjoying birds, but true enjoyment of a puffin comes with the understanding that the apparent absurdity of the giant stripey bill also contains something of the meaning of life.

SIMON BARNES

● *RSPB puffin cruises depart Amble, Northumberland. Sat and Sun, 1.30, 2.15 and 3pm; £2.50, children £2.*

● **What's about:** *Birders — look out for hobbies feeding over gravel pits and honey buzzard or black kite, for the lucky. Twitchers — male woodchat shrike in Kent at Brockhill Country Park; scarlet rosefinch and a red-necked phalarope in Norfolk. Details from Birdline 0898 70022.*

Make waves at the coast this



CHRIS COLE

Easy rider splashing out: the UK's second largest surfing event takes place in Cornwall throughout the weekend at Fistral Beach, Newquay

WATER AND AIR

LONDON

☐ **London waterbus summer season:** Boat trips along Regent's Canal, with stops at London zoo.
Camden Lock, NW1 or Little Venice, W10. Daily, single or return, 10am-5pm on the hour. Information 071-482 2550.

ARUNDEL

☐ **Downy days:** See cygnets, ducklings and goslings on the ground and water and watch ducklings hatch.
Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre, Arundel, Sussex (0903 883355). Today, tomorrow, Mon, 9.30am-5pm. £3, children £1.80.

BASINGSTOKE

☐ **Ballooning:** Hot air balloonists fly at 6am and 6pm, weather permitting. Activities in the park each day from 4.30pm include street and children's entertainments.
War Memorial Park, Basingstoke, Hants. Today, tomorrow, Mon. Free.

ELLESMERE PORT

☐ **Spring waterways festival:** Fifty visiting craft expected, including narrow and sailing boats, plus street theatre, children's rides, traditional canal craft and boat trips.
Boat Museum, Dockyard Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire (051-355 5017). Today, tomorrow and Mon, 10am-5pm. £3.70, children £2.40, family ticket £10.

GLOUCESTER

☐ **Water carnival:** Local clubs race over the three days. Stalls and entertainments.
The Docks. Today, tomorrow and Mon, 10am-4pm. Free.

KELSO

☐ **Great Tweed raft race:** Annual raft race over a seven-mile course on the Tweed between Kelso and Carham. More than 100 rafts expected, plus entertainments.
River Tweed, Borders. Tomorrow from 10.30am.

MILDENHALL

☐ **Air fête 1991:** Aircraft from ten countries, aerial demonstrations by British and French parachutists, navy helicopter displays, B11s, B52s and hundreds of other aircraft, including US men and planes from the Gulf war. Also static displays.
RAF Mildenhall, Suffolk (0638 513000). Today, tomorrow. Gates open 8.30am, flying 11am-6pm. Car and occupants £12, pedestrians £2, children over 8 £1.

NEWQUAY

☐ **O'Neill Newquay surf classic:** AFP European circuit event provides a chance to watch the second largest surfing event in the UK.
Fistral Beach, Newquay, Cornwall. Today-Mon, 8am-4pm.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH

☐ **River cruises:** River trips along the River Stort with commentaries.
Adventuress Cruises, The Maltings, Sawbridgeworth, Herts (0279 600848). Mon, 2-4pm. £2.50, children £1.25.

SHILLINGSTONE

☐ **Raft race:** Nine-mile charity race on the river Stour from Shillingstone to Blandford.
Banks of the Stour, Dorset. Tomorrow from 10am.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

☐ **Air show:** Full flying programme on Mon 1.30-5.30pm includes the Red Arrows, Vulcans, Tornadoes, Harriers, Battle of Britain memorial flypast. Flying preview tomorrow 2-5pm. Static displays by the RAF and army on the western esplanade.
Seafront, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. Tomorrow, Mon. Free.

WEYMOUTH

☐ **Trawler race:** Annual charity event. Working boats dressed 9-10am, followed by procession round and out of harbour for a race in the bay. Races within the harbour and quayside entertainment.
The Harbour, Weymouth, Dorset. Mon, 9am-4pm. Free.

WINCHESTER

☐ **Hospital radio duck race:** Hundreds of plastic ducks raced on the River Itchen, in aid of charity.
Durngate Bridge, Winchester, Hants. Today, from 3pm.

JUDY FROSHAUG

CHILD'S PLAY

LONDON

☐ ***Evening Standard* Art Machine:** Strange and colourful sculptures with video displays and exhibits designed to be mauled by young visitors.
Level Five Gallery, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC1 (071-638 4141). Sat 10am-7.30pm, Sun-Mon noon-7.30pm. £1, children 50p.

☐ **Art workshops:** Sessions on the theme of musical toys for over-threes and accompanying adults. Also painting corner for very young children.
Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2 (081-980 3204, recorded information 081-980 2415). Today, 11am-1pm and 2-4pm. Free.

☐ **Little Angel shows:** *Snitch on Safari*, an inventive puppet play for three to six-year-olds. Today, 11am, £3.50, children £2.50. *The Bewitched Baobab Tree*, African folk tale presented by the Puppet Craft Company. Today and tomorrow, 3pm. £4, children £3.
Little Angel Marionette Theatre, 14 Dagmar Passage, N1 (071-226 1787).

☐ **International teddy bear fair:** Bears ancient and modern, plus stalls and other teddy attractions.
Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 (071-937 5464).

☐ **The Secret Garden:** American version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's children's classic.
National Film Theatre, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3233). Today and tomorrow, 4pm. £3.75, children £2.50.

☐ **The Sun and the Moon:** Dramatic stories based on West African myths and legends.
Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Today, 11.30am. £2.25, concessions £1.50.

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☐ **Teddy bears' picnic:** Treasure hunt, Punch and Judy show, prizes for best-dressed teddies.
Culzean Castle and Country Park, Maybole, Ayrshire (06556 274). Tomorrow, 11am-3.30pm. £4 per car (including access to country park).

CAMBRIDGE

☐ **Starbrites:** Johannesburg's Market Theatre Company presents a lively play with music and larger than life-size puppets.
Cambridge Arts Theatre, 6 St Edward's Passage (0223 325001). Today, 2.30pm and 8pm. £6-£7 (matinée), £8-£10 (evening).

CARDIFF

☐ **Milky Bar Kids:** The second of five regional auditions to find the new Milky Bar Kid for the next advertising campaign. All children welcome.
St David's Hall, Cardiff (information 071-387 1440). Today, 11am.

HAYWARDS HEATH

☐ **Stepney, friend of Thomas the Tank Engine weekend:** Stalls and special events, plus trips throughout the day on the Bluebell Railway's restored locomotives.
Sheffield Park, Horsted Keynes, East Sussex (0825 72377/0825 72370). Today, tomorrow and Mon. Trains leave every half hour, 9am-6pm. £4.50, 3 to 13-year-olds £4, under 3s £3.

NOTTINGHAM

☐ **House of Nations Project** Artist Richard Layzell works with local children to construct a house for the homeless from unusual recycled materials.
Castle Museum Grounds (0602 483504). Dawn to dusk until May 30. Free.

SUE MOORE

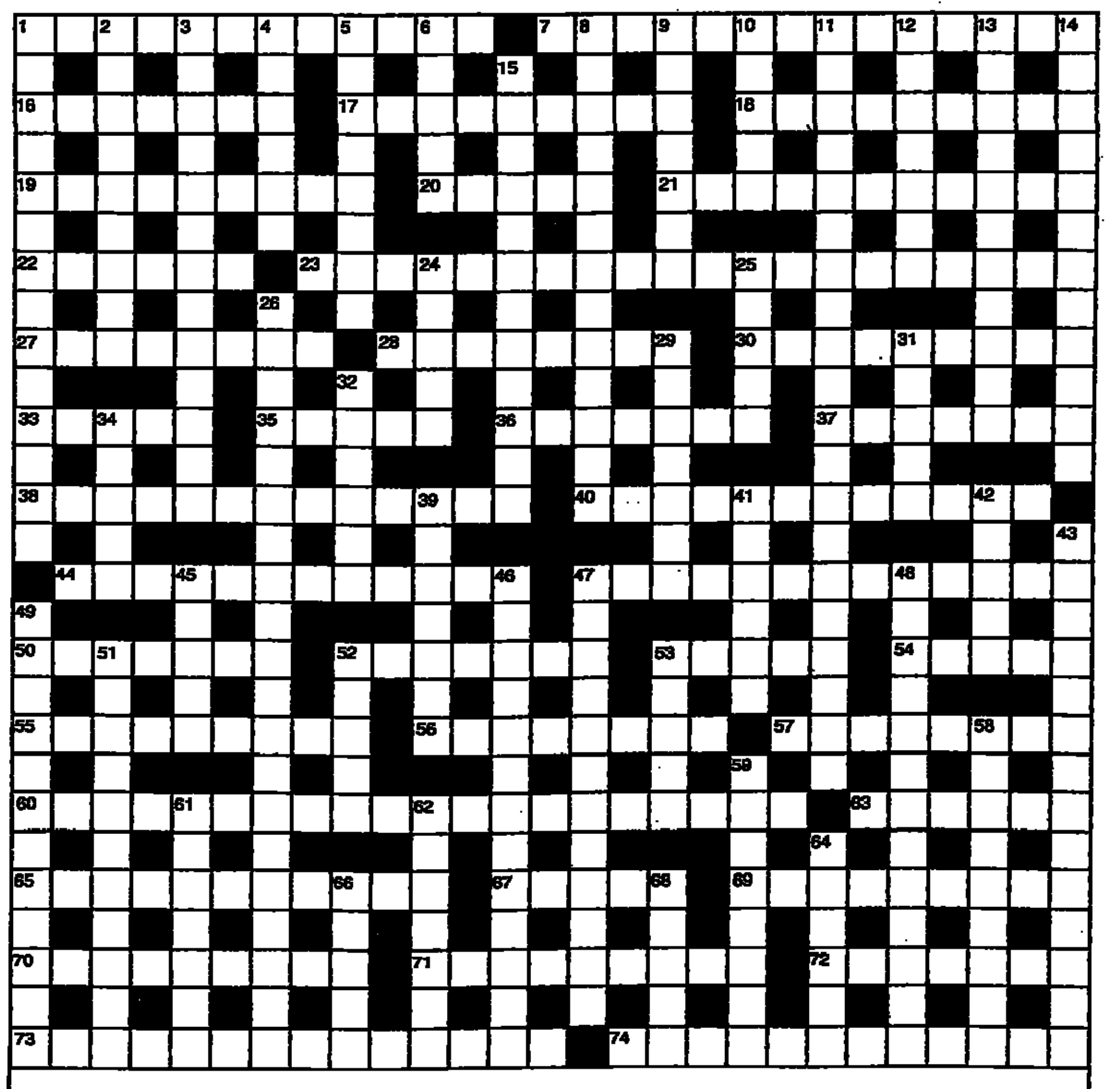
The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword

Test your word power in our spring holiday competition

Prizes of £50 will be given for the first five correct solutions opened on Monday June 10, 1991. Entries should be sent to Spring Jumbo Crossword, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be published on Saturday June 15.

ACROSS
1 Take a seat among angels - not the ministering sort (4-8)
7 No longer playing one's part? That's untypical (3,2,9)
16 Blow up corrupt general (7)
17 Dangerous fall a learner can have on the rocks (9)
18 Demonstrating without approval can be offensive (9)
19 The return of first-rate girl in modern Greek part (9)
20 Bad weather in August or May (5)
21 Delivery to another country no longer the custom? (11)
22 Make untidy bed for small animals (6)
23 Novel device for making moccasins? (3,4,2,3,8)
27 See Lady Teazle initially arrayed in sober fashion (8)
28 Volunteers repelled fifty opponents in mythical kingdom (8)
30 Could he provide lagoon ride without a problem? (9)
33 In game of cards, a pair is useless to Tommy (5)
35 Inveterate person from East's choice at crossroads (5)
36 Duke - what could be better - as a source of reference? (7)
37 The present? It's exquisite (7)
38 Runner, after high point, never the same again (13)
40 Police reinforcement could be exceptionally fine (5-7)
44 Bury officer, after retreat with honour in engagement (12)
47 Journalists of the best sort recollect campaigners (8,5)
50 Artist, 7, could be secure again (7)
52 Delivery cut to boundary - hence this declaration? (7)
53 Religious work produced by Greek characters (5)
54 Person with a voice that can make one cross (5)
55 The perfect things for rival characters (9)
56 The poison one's injected? (8)
57 Poisonous gas used in prison riot - its sting is deadly (8)
60 Succeeding in winning the Dunmow flitch? (8,4,3,5)
63 Result of root and branch economies in Japan (6)
65 They involve taking people off printing work (11)
67 Paddy leads Rex to a very old city (5)
69 Dance I see as Scot endlessly gyrates (9)
70 Ordering a kind of product - imported, we hear (9)
71 Sensual type in a game getting a record (9)
72 Second small portion includes a vegetable (7)
73 Alternative to firing a war gun - at least, it could be (7,7)
74 Lucky chap who cleans up (7,5)

DOWN
1 Lack of vitality or inspiration (14)
2 After prayer, Edward becomes calm (9)
3 Home cooking, Chinese style (5,4,4)
4 Raise the hackles on a pointer (6)
5 He is at war - that finishes off Indian hero (8)
6 Anchorage in island sound (5)
8 It's not easy to make upstart conform at sea, on board (13)
9 Make excessively 'ot stuff (7)
10 Leading player briefly holds the ring, not missing a trick (5)
11 Unsuitable playmate for Ernest? (1,5,2,2,10)
12 Artistic infants raised in one foreign capital (7)
13 West Indian gets three runs, initially - one and one and one, possibly (11)
14 Capital way in which kings' representatives negotiate, we hear (6,6)
15 Run after sheep in flight (6,6)
24 The Parisian quarter capturing artist's heart? (5)
25 Pieces of which were used by the Spanish crew (5)
26 Total satisfaction by close of play? (4,4,4,4,4)
29 In some respect, red is an alarming shade (7)
31 Elect one Conservative seer (5)
32 Grotesque literary style's become almost stupid (6)
34 Odd parts of prayer ain't used for praise (5)
39 Butcher in group provides cooking equipment (7)
41 Respond to a quartet playing before the king (6)
42 Almost all of boat's stern is up in the air (5)
43 Nice tip, perhaps, altered learner's situation (14)
45 Praise from Roman upset crowd (5)
46 Marching in a silly way to the forest (5-8)
47 Track people train on for a fixed distance (9,3)
48 Top statesmen and members in administrative offices (13)
49 Mastermind includes it in island (5,7)
51 Luggage in station, for example (4,2,5)
52 Artistic Dutchman or German in France, we hear (5)
53 Pa's animal (5)
58 Move genista - it's getting tangled (9)
59 Impetus Marathon leader raised after a short time (8)
61 Person outstanding in some field, one gathers (7)
62 Badly chosen, in part (7)
64 Sweet animal, by the sound of it (6)
66 From islands, ring up old Italian port (5)
68 A contemptuous expression that's not original (5)



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Concise Jumbo

There are no prizes for this crossword. The solution will appear on Monday

ACROSS
1 Artist's spatula (7,5)
7 Possible opportunity (8,6)
16 Small dried grape (7)
17 Fatigue (9)
18 Make advance reservation (4,5)
19 Turn too sharply (9)
20 Personal beliefs (5)
21 Attended to coiffure (7,4)
22 Guiding bullet (6)
23 "Posh" (4,3,9,4)
27 Crawls (4,4)
28 Indian slipper (8)
30 Customers (9)
33 Berlin underground (1,4)
35 Flimsy material (5)
36 Dryness (7)
37 Straight drink (4,3)
38 Proportionate (13)
40 Unjustifiably (12)
44 Ascribed qualities (12)
47 Setting mistake (8,5)
50 Cross-country runner (7)
52 Student of merit (7)
53 Tested (5)
54 Smoking cannabis (5)
55 Fast food oven (9)
56 Battalion group (8)
57 Ascribe (8)
60 1760-1830 change (10,10)
63 Debacle (6)
65 Fresh fields (3,8)
67 Tariffs (5)
69 Gun killings (9)
70 Lofty building (4,5)
71 Jolly Robin Hood companion (5,4)
72 Synopsis (7)
73 Telepathy, clairvoyance study (14)
74 Indisputable (12)

DOWN
1 First choice (4,2,3,5)
2 Many characters (5,4)
3 Paramountcy (13)
4 Pre-main course (6)
5 Reporters' quarters (8)
6 French currency (5)
8 Striking (13)
9 Remains (7)
10 Instil (6)
11 State's output value (5,8,7)
12 Stored up (7)
13 Require short spell (4,1,6)
14 Licence qualifications (12)
15 Gradual acquisition (4,8)
24 Prickly plant (5)
25 Tobacco (5)
26 Urals to Pacific line (5,8,7)
29 Kenya capital (7)
31 Gets close to (5)
32 Bordeaux red wine (6)
34 Let in (5)
39 Male sibling (7)
41 Fool (6)
42 Radio navigation system (5)
43 Absolute rubbish (6,8)
45 Heavy horned animal (5)
46 Autonomous (4-9)
47 Auxiliary armed forces (12)
48 Ready audience (5,8)
49 Cause support (12)
51 Wealthy widow (4,7)
52 Opera scene (5)
53 Personal principle (5)
58 Dig out (9)
59 Cast out (8)
61 Rise dramatically (5,2)
62 Placid (7)
64 Heartache (6)
66 – Winfrey, TV talk show hostess (5)
68 Cold-shoulder (5)

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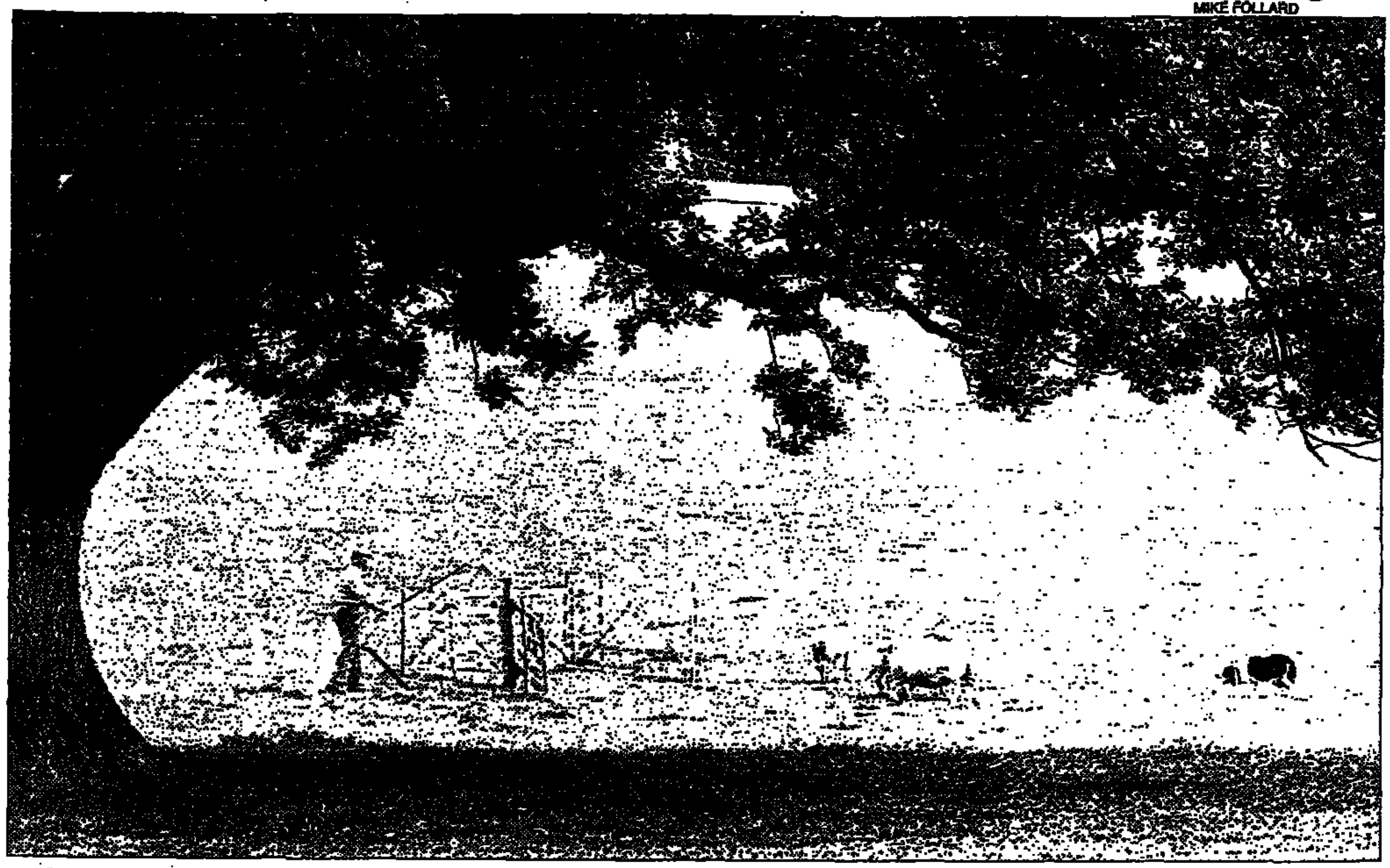
weekend, or flock to the country


MIKE POLLARD

Safely gathering in: young sheep dogs will try out their skills in the novice trials at the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton

COUNTRY MATTERS

BOURNEMOUTH

☐ **Flower festival:** National flower arrangers' competition and show.
Bournemouth, Dorset. Tomorrow until May 31. (Information 0202 789789).

BRAINTREE

☐ **County fair:** Jousting, parachuting, acrobatic displays and a dog agility show. Also motorcycles. Stalls, fairground, trade stands.
Towerlands Centre, Braintree, Essex (0376 26802). Tomorrow, Mon. 9.30am-6pm. £2. children £1.

DOVER

☐ **East Kent garden show:** Crafts, car boot sales and a spit roast.
Crabbe Ground, Dover, Kent. Today. tomorrow and Mon, 10am-6pm. 50p, children 25p.

HEATHFIELD

☐ **Sussex craft fair:** Work of the Guild of Sussex Craftsmen and the Hawkhurst Guild of Arts.
St George's Vineyard, Waldron, Heathfield, Sussex. Today, tomorrow and Mon. 11am-5pm. Free.

HONITON

☐ **Stocklands country fair:** Stalls, crafts and a donkey derby.
Victory Hall, Stockland, Devon. Mon from 2pm. 50p, children 20p.

LOUTH

☐ **Wheels '91 motorsport family spectacular:** Ten different motorsport competitions plus custom and vintage cars, bikes, and other entertainments.
Manby showground, Manby, Louth, Lincolnshire. Tomorrow, Mon 10am-5pm. £3.50, children £2.50.

PRUDHOE

☐ **Prudhoe fair:** Procession of decorated floats through the town to the country park, followed by entertainments and children's activities.
Riverside Country Park, Prudhoe, Northumberland. Mon from 11.30am.

REDBOURN

☐ **Herts county show:** Traditional show with classes in cattle, sheep, poultry, goats and horses. NFU, horticultural and dog show. Showjumping and arena events, plus demonstrations of country crafts.
Herts County Show, Redbourn, Herts. Today, tomorrow, 8am-6pm. £6, children £2.

SHEFFORD

☐ **Fifteenth Mozart summer festival concert:** Charity event in aid of the Friends of the Priory. Musicians in 18th century costume play Mozart. Guided tours of the house.
Chicksands Priory, RAF Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire. Tomorrow, 3pm. £5.50. Booking and information, 0230 24195.

SINGLETON

☐ **Novice sheep dog trials:** Young dogs put through their paces.
Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, near Chichester. West Sussex (0243 63348). Mon 11am-5pm. £3.10, children £1.50.

STEVENAGE

Donkey racing: Annual meeting of Hertfordshire Donkey Racing Club with races throughout the afternoon.
Knebworth Park, Stevenage, Herts. Mon from noon. £2.

STOWMARKET

☐ **Edwardian Fair:** Games, stalls and events with an Edwardian theme.
Museum of East Anglian life, Stowmarket, Suffolk (0449 612229). Tomorrow, Mon, 10am-5pm. £2.75, children £1.50.

WALTHAM ABBEY

☐ **Park show:** Sports, arena events, fishing and craft demonstrations.
Lee Valley Park, Waltham Abbey, Essex (0992 713838). Tomorrow, Mon 9am-6pm. £3, children £1.

WOODSTOCK

☐ **Charity cricket match:** Lords Taverners XI versus Oxford university XI, both teams including England and county players, go out to bat in aid of the Oxford Association of Boys Clubs. Fringe entertainment and sideshows.
Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire. Tomorrow. Gates open 9am, match 2pm. £3, over 6s £1.50. Free car-park.

JUDY FROSHAUG

ON SHOW

LONDON

☐ **Birthday Puffins:** Anniversary show to mark 50 years of Puffin publishing. Illustrator Shirley Hughes will give a talk on the "Author and Editor" series tomorrow at 3pm; free.
Victoria & Albert museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-589 6381/938 8441). Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm. Sun 2.30-5.50pm. Entry free, donation requested (£2, children 50p).

☐ **British Interior Design:** New exhibition of 16 specially designed rooms set in a converted 19th century warehouse. Ends June 16.
Design and Decoration Building, 107a Pimlico Road, SW1 (071-730 2353). Today, tomorrow and Mon 10.30am-7pm. £7, concessions £4.

☐ **Open Air Exhibition:** The Tradescant Trust's recreation of a 17th century garden, plus a permanent exhibition of gardening history, including antique tools.
Museum of Garden History, St Mary-at-Lambeth, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1 (071-261 1891). Tomorrow and Mon, 10.30am-5pm. Free.

BATH

☐ **Contemporary art fair:** Work from 25 British galleries.
Assembly Rooms, Bennet Street (0225 465025). Today and tomorrow 10.30am-7pm, Mon 10.30am-6pm. Free (catalogue £3).

☐ **Present Continuous:** Work by international artists on show at festival venues, until July 1.
Information from Bath Reference Library, Queen Square (0225 312084). Today and tomorrow, 10am-6pm. Free.

BIRMINGHAM

☐ **The Green Show:** Ecological extravaganza, with workshops, exhibitions and stalls.
National Exhibition Centre (021-780 4133). Today, tomorrow and Mon 10am-6pm. £3.50, concessions £2, family ticket £8.50.

CARDIFF

☐ **Techniquest:** Hands-on science displays with helpers and experiments in basic physics and chemistry for all ages.
72 Bute Street, Pierhead (0222 460211). Today, tomorrow and Mon 10.30am-5pm. £3, concessions £1.50, family ticket £7.

EASTBOURNE

☐ **Seaside art:** Annual exhibition of paintings and sculptures by local artists starts today. Work on sale at reasonable prices.
Towner Arts Gallery and Local History Museum, High Street, Old Town (0323 411688). Today and tomorrow 10am-5pm, Mon 2-5pm. Free.

LIVERPOOL

Jordan — Treasures from an ancient land: Sole British showing for collection documenting 9,000 years of Jordanian arts and crafts.

Liverpool Museum and Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051-207 7787). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm. 50p. children 20p.

OXFORD

☐ **Artweek:** Varied programme of visual arts exhibitions throughout the city, including a mixed media project at the Phoenix Cinema and a photomontage installation at St Edmund Hall. Also a retrospective of Andrew Logan's work at the Museum of Modern Art.
Today 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. Free. Information: the Museum of Modern Art, Pembroke Street (0865 722733).

SUE MOORE

PERIOD PIECES

BARNARD CASTLE

☐ **Wellington's Redcoats:** Demonstration of military drill and musket firing during the Napoleonic wars.
Barnard Castle, Durham (0833 38212). Tomorrow, Mon from 10am. £2.50, children £1.

BIDEFORD

☐ **Jousts:** Tournaments at the British Jousting Centre. Also falconry and archery.
Tapeley Park, Instow, near Bideford, Devon (0271 861200). Tomorrow and Mon afternoons. £4.50, children £2.

CHESTER

☐ **Medieval combat:** Escafeld Medieval Society recreates a 13th century tournament, with period mime and music.
Beeston castle, 11 miles southeast of Chester (0829 260464). Tomorrow, Mon from 2pm. £3, children £1.

DOVER

☐ **Medieval Dover:** The Order of the Black Prince demonstrates skills-at-arms.
Dover Castle, Dover, Kent (0304 201628). Mon, noon and 2.30pm. Admission charge.

FRAMLINGHAM

☐ **Knights at Framlingham:** Jousts, pageantry, medieval music and dancing.
Framlingham castle, Framlingham, Suffolk (0728 724189). Mon from 11am. £3, children £1.

GOSPORT

☐ **American civil war garrison:** The Southern Skirmish Association, as Union soldiers of the 1860s, recreate military life.
Fort Brockhurst, near Gosport, Hampshire (0705 581059). Tomorrow, Mon from 11am. £2.50, children £1.

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GRANTHAM

☐ **Jousting at Belvois:** Knights on horseback do battle.
Belvois castle, Grantham, Lincolnshire (0476 870262). Tomorrow, Mon from 11am. Admission charge.

HAYWORTH

☐ **Hayworth May pageant:** Procession of floats with the May Queen, fancy dress parade, pageant, bands, children's games, stalls and roundabouts.
Hayworth, W Yorks. Today.

ROSS-ON-WYE

☐ **Life in a medieval castle:** *Display of life as it might have been in 1491.*
Goodrich Castle, Herefordshire (0600 890538). Today, tomorrow and Mon, 11am-4pm. £3, children £1.

J. F.

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

'Pon my sole, it's painful

THIS is not a plea for sympathy but I am in some pain. I hope it is a passing ailment but I fear that what I am suffering is all part of my transition into being a farmer. I have been a *landsman* in my mind for several years now, the body is only just catching up.

My feet are the problem. Since the middle of March the work on the farm has called for more trudging than I have ever done in my life. Now that the stock have been turned out to pastures I have to walk miles every day to check on them. I also walk up and down, over clods, behind ploughs, harrows, seed drills and cultivators until the leather soles on my boots are screaming for mercy. Until now I have felt invigorated by it, but recently I have started to walk in a bow-legged hobble. You might think I had nettles in the bottom of my boots; in fact my tender soles are feeling every stone and pebble.

In the meantime, work cannot cease. I have three acres of land to roll and harrow today and that means at least a three mile stroll. Yesterday I took horse and seed drill to sow kale; that was another two mile meander. Over the winter I've ploughed 18 acres, which is but a small patch on the modern farming scale, but each acre requires man and horses to walk 11 miles.

I am not complaining but my feet are. Last week I took them to my doctor, who, alas, was on holiday. His locum flippantly announced that I was "probably sickening for something". Had he been a vet, such a casual approach would have got him the sack.

So I have been elsewhere in search of a cure and, in what has become the tradition on this farm when faced with a problem, I looked backwards for the answer.

By chance, a precious parcel arrived in the post a few weeks ago. It was from a kind reader of this newspaper who had been given a set of aged exercise books in which an old Sussex farm horseman had written his veterinary secrets. Scripted lovingly in a copperplate hand on lined, yellowing paper were potions and lotions designed to calm boisterous horses, liven up drowsy ones, and cure horses with "stale blood". I flicked to lameness. The author warned: "With a perseverance in perpetual drudgery, (the horses) are brought to a standstill where they are too frequently observed dying wretched martyrs to the horrid combination of hard work, whipcord, and poverty." It summed up my position entirely.

Tantalisingly, some scraps had recipes but no indication of what they were intended to cure, so I can only wonder what the effect of 2oz brimstone, 2oz tobacco and 2oz gunpowder might have been on some unsuspecting nag.

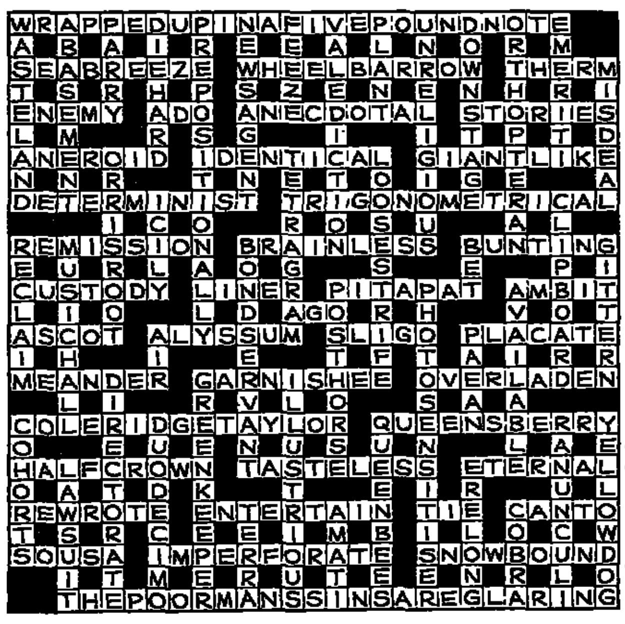
Anyway, ingredients were clearly going to be a problem. One shopping list bore a pharmacist's stamp dated 1912. The card listed liver antimony, grains paridise, sweet fennel seed, sublimed sulphur, oil of swallow, oil of spike and oil of rhodium. None of them sounds likely to be sitting next to the Night Nurse on the chemist's shelf.

I decided in the end there were only two options. One was to try a widely recommended "physic ball". If they work on the horse, they might work on me. They are packed, according to the notes, with powder of antimony, Castile soap, ginger and aniseed, and bound with treacle. They are rolled into 2in balls, and blown down the horse's throat. Or mine.

The other option was to walk less. We do have implements on which you can ride, in particular our horse-drawn mower. The only snag is that the seat is fixed to the machine by means of a sharp-headed bolt placed to provide the maximum discomfort. Having walked half a mile to the field with the mower and horses, I wasn't going to walk all the way back for the cushion I had forgotten. I have paid the price.

One way or another there seems to be no escaping the pain of farming life, or the application of oil of spike. It is simply a question of deciding which end to apply it first.

Jumbo solution



Here is the solution to the Times Jumbo crossword published on Saturday May 4. The five winners, who each receive a £50 prize, are Christopher Strick, Mare Hill Road, Pulborough, West Sussex; Mrs J.L. Avery, Grandison Road, Worcester Park, Surrey; J.E. Pestell, New House Bridge Road, Cranleigh, Surrey; Mr G.W. Owens, Woodland Rise, Sevenoaks, Kent; and Miss E.F. Alderworth, Bath Street, Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Architect Jonathan Caplan converted eleven cluttered rooms into one living and work space.

Textile designer Wendy Greenbury created a stylish apartment out of one tiny room.

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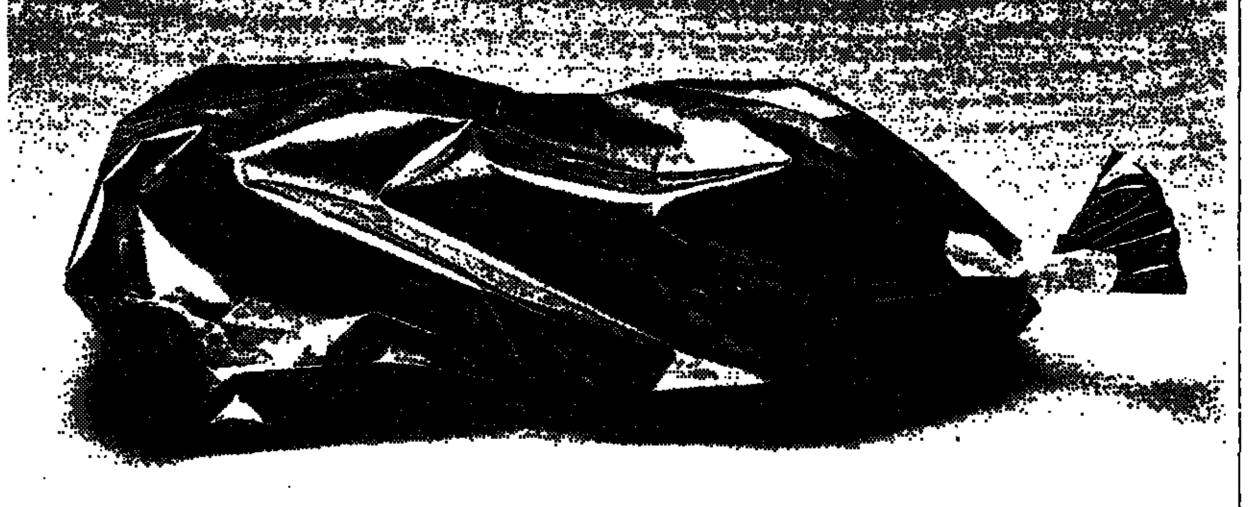

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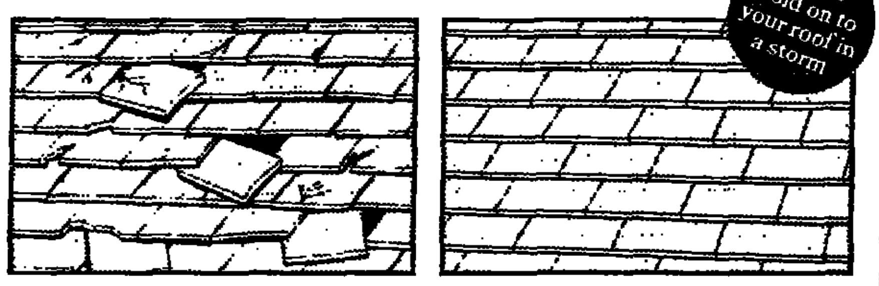
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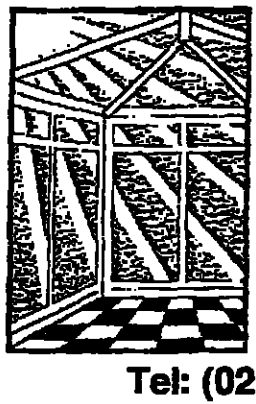

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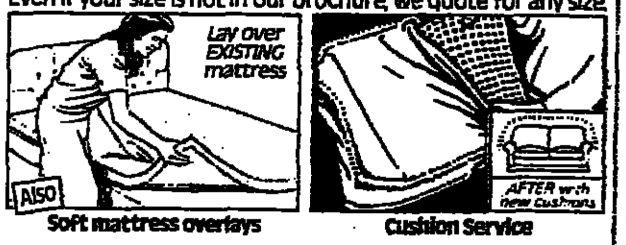

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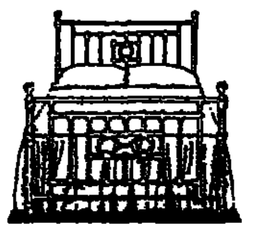

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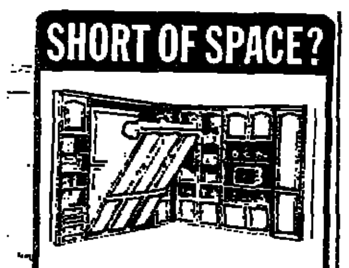

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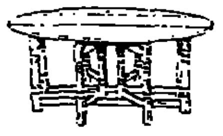

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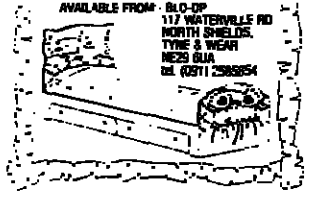

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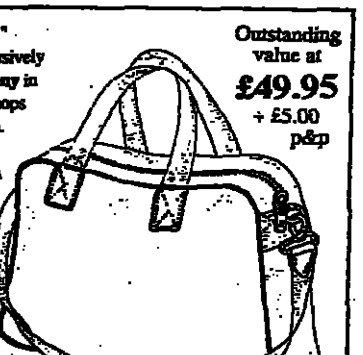

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Tread carefully on a Morris

The carpets of William Morris (above) have many imitators, warns

Sarah Jane Checkland

Having hung the golden discs on the wall and parked the Bentley in the drive, what does the discerning pop star put on the floor? The answer is a carpet designed by William Morris, leader of the 19th century Arts and Crafts movement.

For some time these carpets were the best-kept secret of "creative connoisseurs", as their suppliers call them, such as Barbra Streisand, Paul McCartney and Jimmy Page (formerly of Led Zeppelin). That was until prices rose from a few thousand pounds to the £71,500 paid in 1988 for Elton John's carpet, designed by John Henry Dearle in 1900 for Morris & Company, and the £220,000 paid anonymously last December for a carpet enhanced with clusters of flowers and leaves. The price was a world record for any English carpet.

This week *David Black*, the London carpet dealer, hopes to consolidate this blooming field with an exhibition at his gallery and his publishing of the first comprehensive book on the subject. The collectors are in for a shock.

From the book by Malcolm Haslam, a dealer turned academic, it emerges that the William Morris carpet is often a figment of wishful thinking by a gullible market. Morris had a personal involvement with only a handful of those which bear his name. Most, including the £220,000 record-breaker (a Dearle design), were designed by other artists, often after Morris's death.

When Morris (1834-1896) became inspired to take to the loom a fierce debate was in train between supporters of wall-to-wall carpeting, usually decorated with flowers and ribbons, and promoters of the "art square". The latter was a square carpet placed on a parquet floor, leaving space around it. As there were no indigenous examples, they were usually imported from Persia.

Enter Morris, who was also a social campaigner. Having already mastered stained glass in his plan to reassert the importance of craftsmanship in the face of growing mass production, he turned to hand-knotted carpets. After transforming the stable block at his home in Hammersmith into a factory worked by eager young women, he issued a leaflet describing his venture as an "attempt to make England independent of the East for their supply of hand-made carpets which may claim to be considered works of art".

Exactly how many carpets were made under his direct guidance is not known, although Mr Haslam says Morris was responsible for 20 designs for machine-woven carpets, before he turned to his next obsession, bookbinding.

What is known is that, because his socialist principles caused him to pay his workers a generous wage, the carpets became very expensive, at up to £300 to £400 each. The painful irony Morris had to face was that only the rich could afford to buy his work.

Carpet-making, under the Morris & Company name, continued under such designers as Dearle, who took over at Hammersmith in the late 1880s, and other artists, such as Frank Brangwyn, up to the first world war. "Just about every major designer in England between 1880 and 1910 seems to have designed a carpet," says Ian Bennett, a contributing editor to *Hali*, the magazine for carpet connoisseurs.

After Morris retired from the scene, "things got more commercial. The designs were quite nice, but there was not the same commitment and standards fell," Mr Black says. The only sure way of knowing that a William Morris carpet is genuine is to have a continuous provenance.

In both England and America, Mr Haslam writes, Morris carpets were "widely imitated". In America, he adds, "the name 'Morris' was given to a whole catalogue of carpet patterns".

Another offshoot was the Donegal phenomenon, a project on Morris's lines, set up by the Congested Districts Board in Northern Ireland and which subsidised the Glasgow entrepreneur Alexander Morton. Like those of Morris, the carpets Morton and his followers produced blended Persian motifs, such as trellis work, and English flora on backgrounds of bright shamrock green. Having originally sold at a quarter of the price of Morris carpets, a Donegal carpet can cost £45,000 at Mr Black's shop.

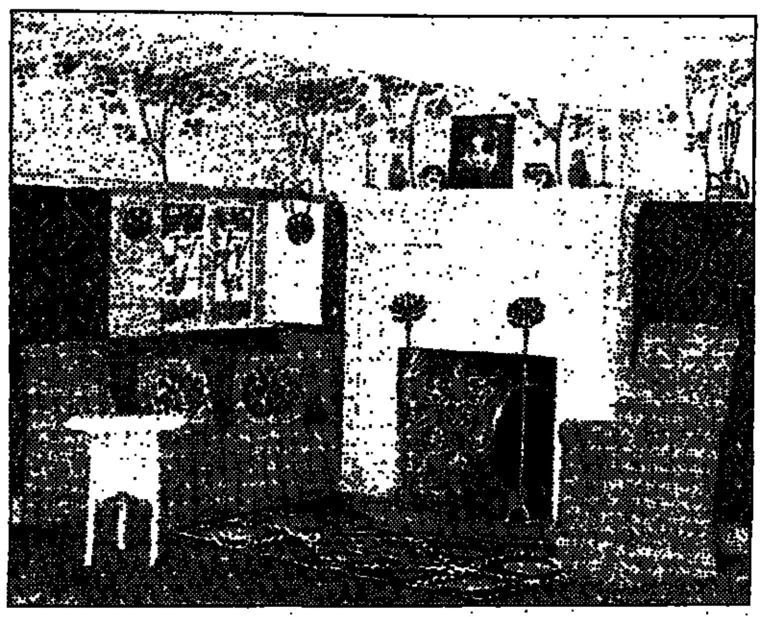
Now that the carpets of the Arts and Crafts era are being assessed and catalogued, another debate opens: should they be walked on to inevitable destruction, or hung on the wall as historic trophies? "Eventually people may well say that those who bought these carpets and used them were vandals," Mr Black admits.

His answer — or half the answer — is in a suitably Morris spirit. Quality carpets fulfilling the Morris criteria of care and excellence, he says, should be made on a continuous basis, new examples replacing the old. For this reason, he has been involved for ten years in a project in which villagers employ traditional methods and natural dyes to produce quality carpets of which Morris might have approved. Mr Black then distributes the carpets. The only problem is that the project is based in Turkey.

Mr Black's next undertaking is to produce a huge carpet for the newly refurbished Spencer House, adjoining London's Green Park, using Welsh dyes, but Turkish weaving.

Let us hope the one after that will be a fully British-made carpet, then Mr Black will be getting close to becoming a follower of Morris.

● *Exhibition: David Black Oriental Carpets, 96 Portland Road, London W11 (071-727 2566).* Arts & Crafts Carpets, *by Malcolm Haslam, is published by Mr Black at £45.*



Carpets by M.H. Baillie Scott, who designed for Morton's, of Donegal

ALAN WELLER

Showpiece: David Black's carpet with a Morris border, costing £25,000

Dish smashes silver record

Review

☐ **Shining example:** A lavishly decorated dish by the Huguenot craftsman Paul de Lamerie broke the record for silver at Christie's, selling for £1.4 million. The previous record was £1.2 million. The "Maynard" sideboard dish, bearing the coat of arms of Henry, fourth Baron Maynard of Essex, was a highlight at the 400-piece Hilmar Reksten collection, sent for sale following the bankruptcy and death in 1980 of its Norwegian owner, a shipping millionaire. The buyer was the Flick family, German millionaires who live in Lucerne and London, and who plan to keep it in England. At £3.4 million, the sale total set another record.

☐ **Travelling treasure:** The fight is on to save the Middleham jewel, a magnificent example of English Gothic jewellery found by treasure hunters in a field in Yorkshire in 1985, auctioned by Sotheby's for £1.4 million in 1986, and now valued at £2.5 million. The Yorkshire Museum has until August to raise the cash.

☐ **High seas:** An Admiralty model of an 18th century 60-gun ship of the line set a £137,500 record at Sotheby's.

Preview

☐ **Monday:** Bonham's offers the stock in trade of Southways Antiques and Garden Centre on the premises, without reserve, at Lowfield Heath, Crawley, Sussex; 11am.

☐ **Tuesday:** In Glasgow, *Phillips has an "in-house* house sale" with the contents of two houses, one in Ayrshire and one in Perthshire, on offer at the saleroom; 11am.

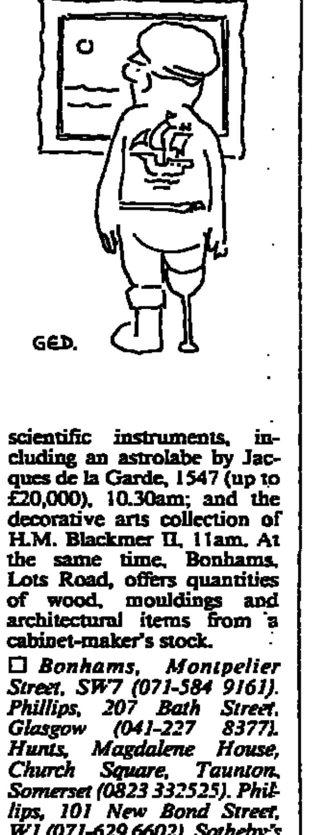
☐ **Wednesday:** A painting of a Somerset election procession in 1834 by the Bristol painter John G. Tovey is in Hunts' mixed sale in Taunton, Somerset; 10.30am. An 18th century Chinese export porcelain model of a hound could make up to £3,000 at Phillips in New Bond Street; 11am.

☐ **Wednesday and Thursday:** Sticks and stones may break the bank in the garden ornaments sale at Sotheby's, Sussex, with a pair of marble urns by J.P. van Bauersheit the Elder (1669-1728) at up to £50,000.

☐ **Thursday:** Phillips has a contents sale with a viewing at Poliper, a clifftop house at Mevagissey, Cornwall; 10.30am. There should be good furniture and a small collection of Lalique glass. In Glasgow, Christie's offers the Spreull collection of beadwork, and furniture; 11am. Economics and social history provide the backbone of the sale at Bloomsbury Book Auctions, notably a copy of William Godwin's socio-anarchic *An Enquiry concerning Political Justice, 1793* (up to £3,000); 1pm.

☐ **Thursday and Friday:** The seaside comes to Christie's, King Street, with marine paintings on Thursday, 5.30pm, and ship models on Friday; 11am and 2pm.

☐ **Friday:** Sotheby's has scientific instruments, including an astrolabe by Jacques de la Garde, 1547 (up to £20,000), 10.30am; and the decorative arts collection of H.M. Blackmer II, 11am. At the same time, Bonhams, Lots Road, offers quantities of wood, mouldings and architectural items from a cabinet-maker's stock.



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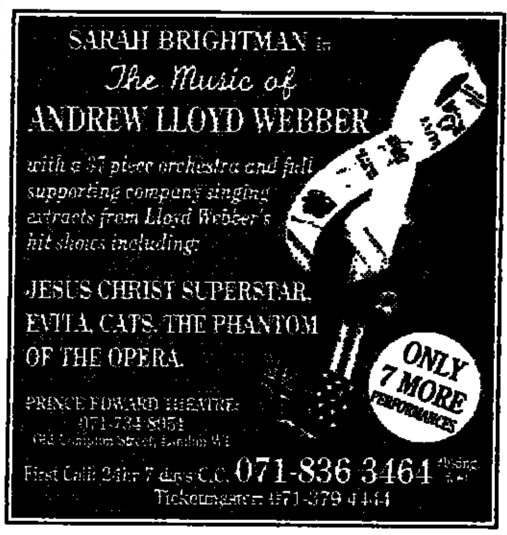

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MUSICAL

Lost in the Stars
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Perhaps his years with Brecht made Kurt Weill too considerate towards wordy polemical tracts. *Lost in the Stars*, given its British professional premiere here by New Sussex Opera as part of the Brighton Festival, was Weill's last completed work, premiered in 1950 nearly 15 years after he had fled Berlin for New York. Yet, even here, Weill seems too ready to confine his contributions to cramped, though often striking, lyrical interludes between exhausting stretches of Maxwell Anderson's dialogue.

In this case, though, Weill may also have been awed by his subject. *Lost in the Stars* is based on Alan Paton's *Cry the Beloved Country*, then just published. In America, particularly, this great novel of South African oppression had struck an uneasy chord among liberals. The tragedy that Paton chronicled in Johannesburg could have been set in Alabama. Nevertheless, Weill and Anderson were brave, in an era of brazenly upbeat Rodgers and Hammerstein blockbusters, to risk such gloomy stuff on the Broadway stage, and braver still to stick so faithfully to Paton's story.

While the black priest Stephen is searching Jo'burg desperately for his missing teenage son, and while that son Absalom is getting a girl pregnant and plotting a burglary that turns into murder, the plot moves quickly and well. But as the hangman's noose approaches, so too does the characterisation become strangled by the necessity for the main figures to articulate contrasting "attitudes".

The priest (Ewart James Walker, acting with grave dignity though his singing wavered) believes, along with Jesus Christ, in passively accepting that the meek shall inherit the earth, but possibly not here and now. By contrast, his brother (Larrington Walker, crackling with anger) mouths the classic activists' line: if blacks do nothing, they will always be trampled.

An unbelievably nice parole officer delivers the perennial liberal apology for violence — "they live in such poverty that sometimes they grow desperate" — while the murdered man's father (subtly played by Godfrey Jackman) bitterly recites the white supremacist creed as though clutching at rosary beads: "there are two races in South Africa; one is capable of mastery and culture, the other isn't."

Yet even he finally sees the light. Indeed, the show portrays all the whites as reasonable coves. Who on earth is doing all the oppressing?

Weill's songs are churchy at times, and lugubriously if ingeniously orchestrated: no violins and an emphasis on low reeds and strings — here directed with finesse by Lionel Friend. The most striking solos go to the women: a night-clubby number gives Sally Sagoe opportunity to display some chesty scat-singing; and a moving lament for the pregnant girlfriend is delivered beautifully by Hyacinth Nicholls.

But the musical glories must be the choruses, commenting on the action in oratorio-style. Again, the prevailing mood is melancholy, from the obsessively motivic "Fear", to the powerful final threnodies. The NSO Chorus and Church of God Prophesy Choir could have been lustier. Keith Warner's production, set on Spyros Coscinas's revolving wire-compound set, was neat and direct. Further performances today and tomorrow.

RICHARD MORRISON

Brother forsaking arms: Ewart James Walker as Stephen

Peter Barnard welcomes summer's spate of television repeats, particularly *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*

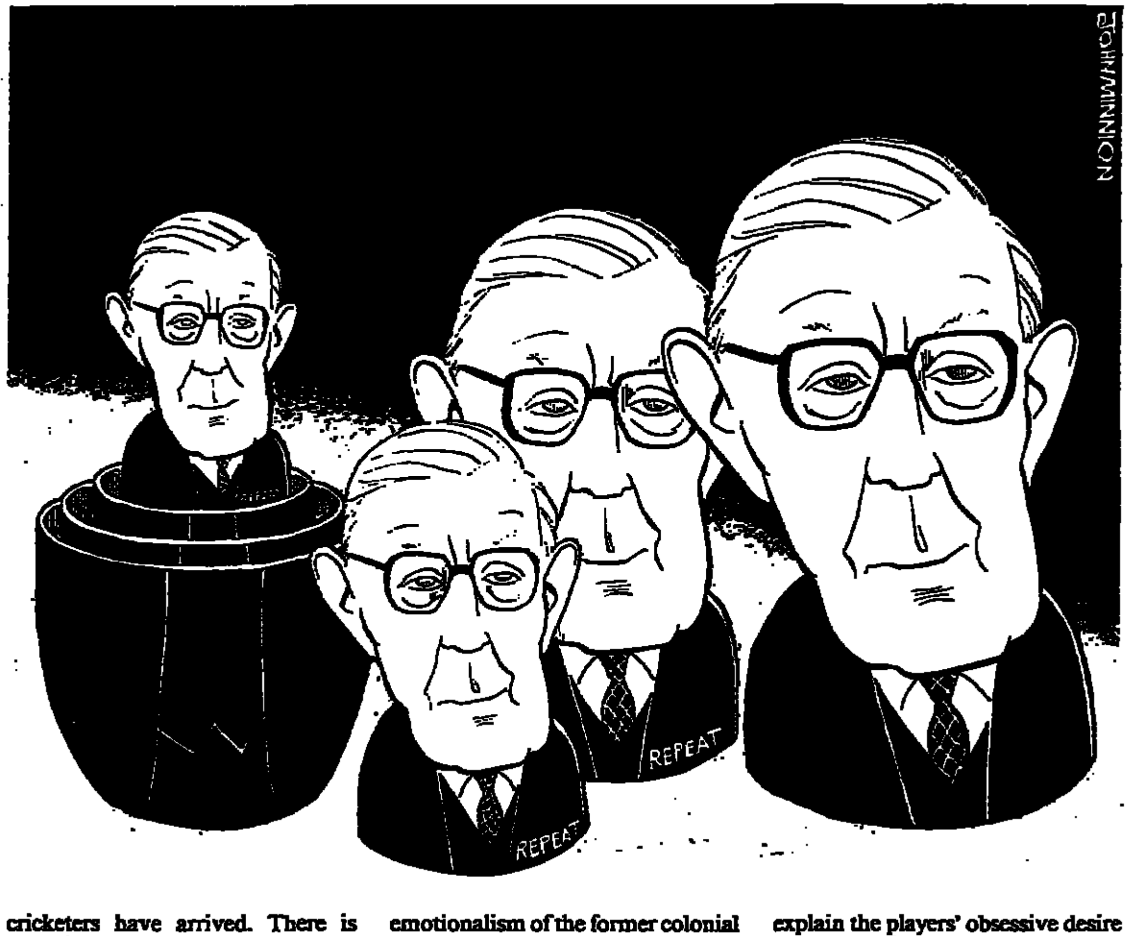
Another round of close encounters

A woman I know about spends hours every week watching bits of television drama and reading the closing pages of fashionable books so that she can use the word *dénouement* at dinner parties. She is a dab hand with a *dénouement*. Admittedly, her range is limited: usually she feels that the book/programme was redeemed by the *dénouement* or spoiled by the *dénouement* or almost beyond redemption; although the *dénouement*! My God, remarkable.

The vagaries of newspaper publishing mean that I miss more *dénouements* than this woman has had hot dinners. My exposure to television is a chaos of missed beginnings and interrupted endings, so I am the last to complain at the arrival of most people's summer of discontent: the season of repeats.

Television companies are not nearly so sanguine. They are paranoid about repeats. At the end of a BBC programme, a copyright symbol appears. Beside it lurk some dodgy looking capitals which someone with a John Major-ish academic career may think is the birth date of Julius Caesar. This is Latin for the year the programme was made. They could put, say, 1989, but they imagine millions of people legging it to the studio shouting "we've been done", as if it had not occurred to us that a series such as **Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy** was not born yesterday.

Tinker, Tailor is halfway through a re-birth (Sundays, BBC 2). I have now seen almost all of it: parts one, two and four when it was first transmitted, three this week, five and six when it was repeated as a solid afternoon's viewing and I look forward to seven. The *dénouement*!



This is a repeatable repeat if ever there was one. John Le Carré survives being transferred to television because his words are taken (in this case by Arthur Hopcraft) to be of some account rather than being turned into a salad of tossed clichés by what Hollywood calls "a wrider". Why is it that when you hand Hollywood producers a great book, they start looking for a writer? "Hey Mort, all this book needs is a wrider and we got us a pitcher."

The success of *Tinker, Tailor* has to do with pace: Le Carré burns on a very long fuse. So does Alec Guinness as George Smiley. Guinness carries the look of a reclusive classics master alarmingly chosen to confront Kenneth Clarke on television. You know that Smiley is the superior intelligence, but will this be apparent during two minutes umpired by Jeremy Paxman?

Repeats are not, of course, obligatory just because the rain has warmed up and the West Indies cricketers have arrived. There is also, hang on, ah yes — the West Indies cricketers, featured in **On The Line** (Thursday, BBC 2) a generally excellent series produced by Susan Woodward and co-presented by Sue Mott.

Yes, these are both women, so MCC members could safely go out to a meeting of the Flat Earth Society, leaving the grown-ups to greet another fallen hurdle: Donna Simmonds of West Indies television, the only female in the world doing ball by ball commentary.

Not for *On The Line* the "press button A" response of herds of thundering pace-bowlers and thrashing batsmen. This film edged around the tricky matter of racialism, expressed not in black-white terms but in the more complex emotionalism of the former colonial power going in to bat against the formerly colonised.

Trevor McDonald, the ITN newscaster, pointed out that the collapse of federation in 1958 shredded every national strand except cricket, still the islands' unifying factor even allowing the irony that cricket long represented the colonial power at play *par excellence*.

Playing success and South Africa's sporting banishment over apartheid combined to politicise the West Indian cricketers. As McDonald said: "After a period of reticence they felt they could speak out because of their success."

Does sporting success entitle people to speak their political minds? If so, sporting failure has serious implications. But it helps to explain the players' obsessive desire and some of the verbal ugliness, on both sides, in the winter series against Australia.

In another former colony, **This Week** (ITV, Thursday) found Slim travelling by truck along a highway infected with ignorance, despair and worse. Slim is what Africans call Aids and after a generation of political terrorism it has become Uganda's dominating tragedy. The trucks carry goods down the Trans–Africa Highway and at truckstops the drivers take on a deadlier cargo via prostitutes and "temporary wives". The result, in one small village, is 25 dead. A woman, having lost one husband to Aids, is now herself infected, as is her second husband. She has six children.

A cure? Well, witchcraft is back. One woman, having been visited by God, gives (not sells) a cup of mud from around her home mixed with water. So far, 30 tons of the stuff have been consumed, without any demonstrable effect on the staggering statistic that one in 12 Ugandans has the disease.

Prevention? *This Week* asked a group of villagers, men and women, about condoms. They dislike them. The disease gets through the condom. The condom has side effects. The villagers giggled, though not because this was funny.

The Trans–Africa Highway is paved with good intentions. The programme went to a clinic funded by the EC, though not funded to the extent that it can test for HIV. Nor had it occurred to anyone that paying for a clinic is of limited value if nobody pays for poor villagers to make the journey to the clinic.

A preacher said that "sex is the one thing that 20 years of oppression have not been able to cut out of people's lives." Oh well, there you are: promiscuous Africans, cups of mud, deadly ignorance. Let's get down to the saloon bar and drink to our immunity from the "gay plague".

In Uganda there is explainable ignorance and a wrenching shortage of cash. What is our excuse?

No wonder Michael Jackson, first supremo of The **Late Show** (BBC 2, weekdays), has just been made head of music and arts: the late night 90 minutes from 10.30 (the one time when I can usually watch uninterrupted) used to be a real mishmash of moveable feasts, with *Newsnight* shunted around so much it only lacked the sponsorship of Pickford's.

Now *Newsnight* is anchored at 10.30 and *The Late Show* follows on, often inventive and resourceful, occasionally insufferable and from time to time hijacked by fadists. On Thursday night it had Ian Hislop being wonderfully acerbic about the Broadcasting Standards Council, which has upheld just one complaint (about sexual violence) since it was founded.

Hislop concluded that the chairman, Lord Rees-Mogg, had gone native, assisted no doubt by the fact that the things most people complain about are not the things the BSC is empowered to censure, and vice (not that many people complain about that) versa.

And Hislop reported that what most people complain about is repeats, which is by way of being this column's *dénouement*. Invite me to dinner.

● *Lynne Truss returns next week*

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Offstage, Downstairs

WHAT must it have been like to be married to Stalin? Until recently Russian imaginations could only boggle in silence, but the question can, it seems, now be addressed with some candour. It was like getting hitched to a piece of anti-matter and setting up house in a black hole. At any rate, that is the rough conclusion of Olga Kuchkina's two-hander, which played with success in Moscow two years ago and has been boldly restaged by Graham Spicer in a basement theatre in Chalk Farm.

Both halves are set in the same Kremlin office, its walls fancifully streaked with red and plastered with bits of bandage; but there is a gap of 13 years between them. In the first, Kate Isitt's Nadezhda Allilueva is 18, dressed in white, and giddy with rapturous expectation, like Irena in *The Three Sisters*. In the second, which occurs in 1932, she wears black and is clearly in mourning for her life, like Masha in *The Seagull*. It has all been a mistake of rather more than Chekhovian proportions.

How could it be otherwise, given the possessiveness and paranoia displayed from the start by her 40-year-old fiancé? His idea of love-play is to warn her that he will kill her if she denies him absolute trust, and then to terrify her with a sadomasochistic game in which she is a revolutionary and he a policeman. "Here I am trying to entertain you and you get all upset," moans Paul Arlington's Stalin when Nadezhda refuses then and there to surrender the purity he has just been salaciously praising. "Where's your sense of humour?"

This is rather too blatantly the kind of chap against whom good mothers warn nice girls; but then the time is 1919, when sexual naïvety was presumably common even in Bolshevik circles. At any rate, Isitt has the ardour and Arlington the grim power to give this unlikely encounter a certain awful authenticity. They have more trouble in the second half, though they play this just as robustly. That is perhaps because Kuchkina's sense of horror outpaces her ability to organise her material.

The act begins with what seems to be Stalin's prophetic dream. In this, Nadezhda veers between being a frightened wife and a stricken suicide, pleading from beyond the grave for access to her children. Either way, he sees her as a sentimental fool, a bad communist, a frigid woman and a traitor.

The accusations become more coherent when the dictator awakens from his psychotic nap; but they are much the same. "I've never been at fault towards anyone, especially you," declares Joe. "There haven't been any mistakes, not one." What is left for the poor woman to do but shoot herself?

The writing is an odd mixture of the sensitive and the unsubtle, and probably more enlightening as an example of the way Russians feel about Stalin than as a portrait of Stalin himself. After all, as Kuchkina makes clear, he was a secretive fellow. Weirder things probably happened between him and Nadezhda than she can dream of — but who can say anything for sure, given the thickness of the walls behind which their marriage was hidden?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Paul Arlington: Stalin in *Reality and Dreams*

A sad song sung

CONCERT

Montserrat Caballé
Festival Hall

NEXT year will see the authorised biography and possibly the retirement in its wake. But for now, Montserrat Caballé, "l'umile ancella" incarnate, crooned lovingly and long to her "cari bambini" in the eponymous encores which followed standing ovations and a session of banter with the more vocal and Hispanic elements of her audience.

For the rest, it was a sad song that she had to sing. Dressed in Velásquez purple for Bellini and Verdi, then in sepulchral black for Boito and Massenet, she chose an unrelievedly brooding and lugubrious programme of arias. The voice raised itself on a slow winch of portamento throughout Nelly's "Dopo l'oscuro nembo" from *Adelson and Salvini*, and spun to a long, fine thread the little cadenzas of pathos woven through "Dove sono" from Mercadante's *Le due illustri rivali*.

For Verdi's setting of Desdemona's Willow Song, Caballé, now in perfect control of breath and pitch (more than could be said for the cor anglais) dropped each note, each phrase, deep into the pool of memory. Her "Ave Maria" was intensely private, yet ardently projected: this was the high point.

The soul and the larynx opened wide for Margherita's fast crescendo of terror in "L'altra notte in fondo al mare" from *Mefistofele*. Salome's "Il est doux, il est bon" from *Herodiade*, on the other hand, seemed part spoken, part sighed, part sung.

The arrow-like ascending crescendos and the final direct hits of "Pleurez mes yeux" from *Le Cid* typified Caballé's courageous manipulation of the artistry which wins her such adulation. It was not, alas, matched by the randomly chosen programme fillers from the Royal Philharmonic Opera Orchestra which, under the uninspired baton of Jose Collado, provided equally random, lacklustre accompaniment.

HILARY FINCH

Palmy live sounds from rocky terrain

ROCK

Robert Palmer
Town & Country

STYLISH cultural adventurer or sexist thug? Sensitive balladeer or power-chord poser? It has taken 20 years or so for the world to cotton on to the idea that Robert Palmer is actually all these things. Recent albums, such as last year's *Don't Explain* and 1988's *Heavy Nova* have showcased a performer who can appropriate the styles of Peggy Lee or ZZ Top with equal grace. Palmer has long been a composer whose portfolio bulges with exhibits from a variety of stylistic terrains — New Orleans funk, Nigerian JuJu, Southern soul and English electropop for starters.

In the past, such a bewildering array of ever-changing moods on stage has left audiences a little confused. Like a conversationalist who has no time for small talk, Palmer makes no attempt to chivvy his fans along with any of the usual rock 'n' roll blarney. Striding out in suit and tie — the sort of ensemble that would be unremarkable in any traditional office setting, but is so conspicuous in the context of a six-piece rock band — he whips through seven numbers before saying a quiet "Good evening".

Among this opening salvo we get the sub-metal of "Some Like it Hot" neatly adapted to a Latin rhythm half-way through; the supremely tasteful "Every Kind of People", and the brooding funk of "I Didn't Mean to Turn You On", a sound so sexy it brings on a cold sweat.

The band is superbly drilled, handling the lean arrangements and abrupt switches of pace with calm *élan*, and it is clear that tonight Palmer is taking the crowd with him as sallies forth on another clipped sequence of songs. "Sneakin' Sally Through the Alley" gives way to "Johnny and Mary", for me the show's high point. Like an ice palace in the sun, it is a tune of cool beauty which quickly melts into the Beatles-ish ballad "She Makes my Day".

Even the best rock music requires an element of crassness to make it work in concert. Palmer whose biggest hit remains the brutish thump of "Addicted to Love" is as aware of this as anyone, but he resolutely conducts his show on a more cerebral and ultimately less patronising level than rock fans are used to. His body language is defensive rather than expansive, his demeanour serious and downbeat. What pulls him through is a plethora of great songs which pile up in increasingly rapid succession like carriages in a shunting yard. "Dreams to Remember", "Early in the Morning", "You are in my System", "Looking for Clues" and a particularly expressive "Mercy Mercy Me/I Want You" are each enough to tug at the heart and feet. But put together like this, they were simply irresistible.

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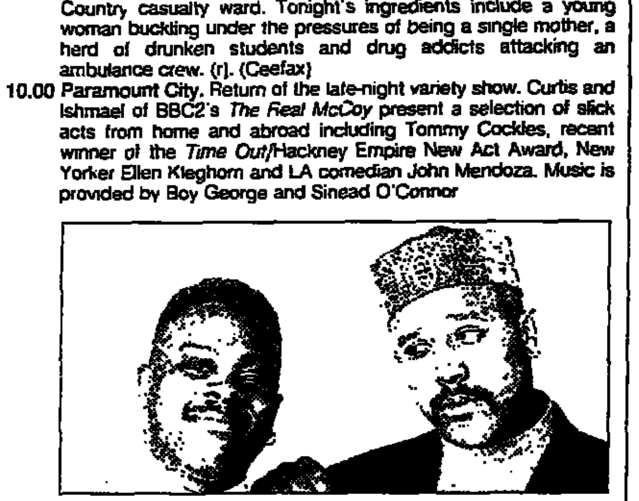
BBC 1

6.40 Open University
7.30 Pinocchio 7.50 Kissyfur (r)
8.15 The 8.15 From Manchester. Children's magazine programme with music, videos, chat and competitions presented by Ross King, Dianne Oxberry and Charlotte Hindle. Vidal Sassoon stylists show how they stay at the cutting edge of hair fashion, Charlotte encounters the English football team and Pop Will Eat Itself appear live in the studio. Also making an appearance is Rolf Harris 10.37 Weather
10.40 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration). 10.45, 1.40, 2.10 and 2.40 Cricket: action from the second game in the three-match Texaco Trophy one-day international series between England and the West Indies at Old Trafford; 1.00 News; 1.05 Football: highlights of the match between Argentina and the USSR; 1.25, 1.55, 2.25 and 3.45 Racing from Haydock Park and the Curragh; 3.30 and 4.00 Golf: the Volvo PGA championship from Wentworth
5.05 News and weather
5.15 Regional News and sport
5.20 The Flying Doctors. Undemanding Australian drama starring Liz Burch and Robert Grubb as the medics of the Flying Doctor service. The folk at Cooper's Crossing are visited by a handsome stranger who quickly endears himself to most of the town except for Dr Geoff — his brother
6.05 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith hosts the celebrity entertainment quiz with team captains Kenny Everett and Gloria Hunniford joined by entertainer Victor Spinetti, *EastEnder* Todd Carty, singer Toyah Wilcox and actress Sandra Dickinson
6.35 You Gotta Be Jokin'. Anarchic sketches, impersonations, audience participation and stand-up comedy with Shane Richie, Annette Law, George Marshall, Maddi Cryer and Billy Pearce, cobbled together from previous BBC talent contests
7.05 Columbo: How to Dial Murder. Another homicide for Lt Colombo (Peter Falk), the man with the gravel voice and the shabby mac. Helen Stewart (Susan Pleshette) witnesses a murder on a yacht perpetrated by a national war hero, Major General Hollister (Eddie Albert). With no body, no weapon and an unstable witness will Columbo be able to prove anything? (Ceefax)
8.20 One Foot in the Grave. Re-run of the wry comedy series starring Richard Wilson as Victor Meldrew, a mildewed 60-year-old having trouble coming to terms with his early retirement (r). (Ceefax)
8.50 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather
9.10 Casualty: Results. Stomach-churning dramas from a West Country casualty ward. Tonight's ingredients include a young woman buckling under the pressures of being a single mother, a herd of drunken students and drug addicts attacking an ambulance crew. (r). (Ceefax)
10.00 Paramount City. Return of the late-night variety show. Curtis and Ishmael of BBC2's *The Real McCoy* present a selection of slick acts from home and abroad including Tommy Cockles, recent winner of the *Time Out*/Hackney Empire New Act Award, New Yorker Ellen Kleghorn and LA comedian John Mendoza. Music is provided by Boy George and Sinead O'Connor


Hosting a mix of mirth and music: Curtis and Ishmael (10.00pm)

10.40 International Match Of The Day: England v Argentina. Desmond Lynam presents highlights of the last match in the triangular tournament from Wembley. With commentary from John Motson and Trevor Brooking
11.30 Film: Comedy Of Terrors (1964)

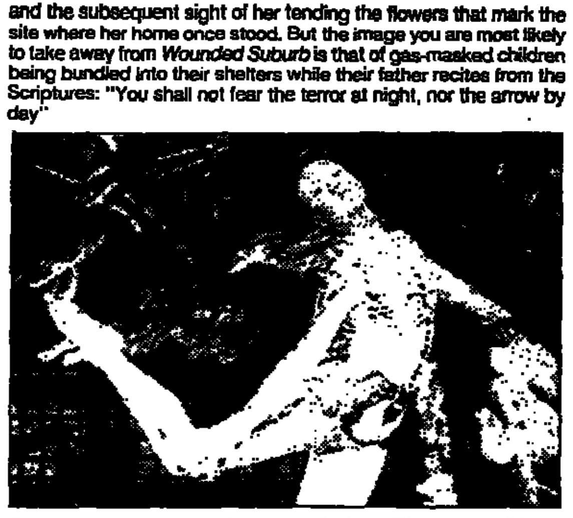
● CHOICE: Whatever other criteria were observed by the BBC in selecting today's two movies to mark Vincent Price's eightieth birthday — the other is *Son of Sinbad* (BBC2, 3.25pm) — the question of quality cannot have been paramount. Price's smoothly sinister talent was more imaginatively packaged in other movies such as *House of Wax*, *The Abominable Dr Phibes*, and the Poe-faced movies that achieved their apotheosis in *Masque of the Red Death*. We must wait for *The Fly*, on BBC 1 on Friday night, for some hint of Price's artistry in the BBC's mini-season of his films. Meanwhile, what can be said in favour of *Comedy of Terrors*? Not much, apart from recognising that in casting Price as a funeral undertaker who helps his customers to shuffle off their mortal coil, it demonstrates macabre ingenuity of a sort under the direction of Jacques Tourneur

12.50am Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University
2.45 Mahabharat. Indian epic in 91 parts. In Hindi with English subtitles
3.25 Film: Son of Sinbad (1955) Part of a season of films shown to mark the eightieth birthday of the Prince of Darkness, Vincent Price. Here he plays Omar Khayyám, getting up to boyish pranks with his friend Sinbad (Dale Robertson) and a Baghdad harem. Unfortunately this sees them captured and sentenced to death, but adventure and freedom are not far away when Tamerlane the Cruel threatens to take over the town and Sinbad and Omar are called upon to save the day. Swashbuckling adventure in silk pantaloons directed by Ted Tetzlaff
4.55 International Cricket. Live coverage of the closing session of the second game in the best-of-three Texaco Trophy one-day international series from Old Trafford
7.35 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather
7.50 Our War: Wounded Suburb.

● CHOICE: Even if it were only about the effects of the Scud missile attacks on Tel Aviv during the Gulf war, Dan Setton's film would be a useful addition to the war achives. What lifts it into a different category is its attempt, largely successful, to define how the bombing impacted on the already delicate relationship between Jew and Arab. Among the affecting moments in the film are one woman's account of the Scud raid that made her a widow and the subsequent sight of her tending the flowers that mark the site where her home once stood. But the image you are most likely to take away from *Wounded Suburb* is that of gas-masked children being bundled into their shelters while their father recites from the Scriptures: "You shall not fear the terror at night, nor the arrow by day"


Classic echoes: Amanda Britton in *Four Elements* (8.20pm)

8.20 Dancemakers: Lucinda Childs — Four Elements.

● CHOICE: It does not take a ballet expert to recognise that this dance work, created by the American Lucinda Childs for the Rambert company, contains elements of classical ballet. You only have to compare it with the extract we see from her 1964 solo work *The Carnation*, in which sponges become a multi-beaked excrescence and hairnet and curlers are transformed into a fetching bonnet, to appreciate that Childs has not divorced herself entirely from the vocabulary of traditional dance. *Four Elements* strikingly synthesises Childs's choreography with Gavin Bryars's minimalist music. Most impressive of all, though, is the way the American painter Jennifer Bartlett has designed sets and costumes that grow organically out of each other. *Four Elements* is a thrilling example of artistic oneness. (Ceefax)

9.15 The Comic Strip Presents: Spaghetti Hoops. Lunatic comedy series starring just about every comic flavour of the month, including Jennifer Saunders, Dawn French, Lenny Henry and Ade Edmondson. Skulduggery abounds when Aldo Vini (Nigel Planer), chairman of an Italian bank, is fingered by Bertoli (Steve O'Donnell), a former friend, after stealing $200 million. Two hitmen are then sent to dispose of the treacherous Bertoli (r)
9.55 The Wolvis Family: Making Contact. Bizarre spoof documentary about a family under therapy. When Dr Wilcockson introduces new therapies to the Wolvises, they struggle to confront the messages conveyed by their individual body language and attempt a "family sculpture". Unfortunately, this brings them no closer to understanding Stuart's silence. Starring Nicholas Woodeson. (Ceefax)
10.25 Video Diaries: Au Revoir Stepney. Intriguing series in which — ordinary people use hand-held videos to capture events in their lives on tape. Vicky, an artist, and Tony, a stonemason, leave the security of their established coterie in East London to pursue life in rural Brittany. Their progress leads them far from romantic dreamland, as their telling video demonstrates
11.25 Twin Peaks. Truman escapes death by a killer kiss, and Cooper wanders towards a mysterious cave. Kyle MacLachlan and Michael Ontkean star in the cult soap noir (r). (Ceefax)
12.10am International Cricket: England v West Indies. Highlights of play from the second Texaco Trophy one-day international. Ends at 1.05

ITV

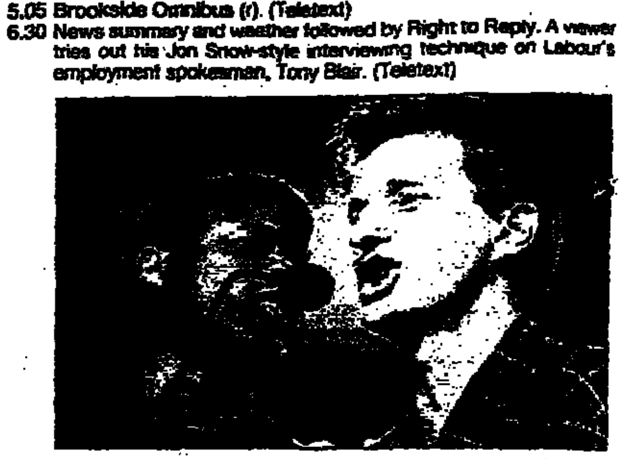
6.00 TV-am
9.25 Ghost Train. Chills, thrills, fun and excitement with Frances Dodge and Sabra Williams. Mark Stevens (Nick Page from *Neighbours*) sings his latest release and M.C. Hammer introduces his new video
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Rose Royce
12.30 World Sport Special. The week's top sporting stories from around the world
1.00 ITN News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather
1.10 The Day
1.15 Rock School '91. Mike Reid and Anthea Turner present Britain's teenage musical talent performing original music in this year's Panasonic Audio Rock School contest
2.20 Film: Anne of the Thousand Days (1969). Handsomely mounted, decently acted but dramatically dull historical epic starring Richard Burton as the portly monarch Henry VIII and Genevieve Bujold as his ill-fated wife, Anne Boleyn. Sturdy support from John Colicos (as Cromwell), Anthony Quayle, Michael Hordern, William Squire and Jane Seymour. Directed by Charles Jarrott
5.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather
5.10 MacGyver: Family Matter. Action-packed series starring Richard Dean Anderson as American secret agent and science boffin MacGyver, this week deep in a Louisiana swamp when a revenge-seeking ex-agent kidnaps his boss Pete Thornton (Dana Elcar) and his family
6.10 Wayne Dobson: A Kind of Magic. ITV's answer to Paul Daniels returns with more off-beat magic, assisted by Linda Lusardi
6.40 Bob's Your Uncle. Veteran comic Bob Monkhouse hosts the slapstick game show with newlywed couples egged on in embarrassing stunts
7.25 Agatha Christie's Poirot: Murder in the Mews. Repeated art deco crime-busting starring David Suchet as the Belgian super-sleuth with Hugh Fraser as Captain Hastings. A young widow apparently commits suicide on Guy Fawkes night. The fiancée of an aspiring member of parliament, there is more than a hint of scandal in the air, made worse when the young woman's unhappy past is revealed. With Pauline Moran, Juliette Mole and James Faulkner (r)

Holiday blues: Stacy, Van Gyseghem, Barron, Taylor (8.25pm)

8.25 Duty Free. Keith Barron and Gwen Taylor star in the award-winning comedy about the misunderstandings among two couples on package holidays on the Costa del Sol. With Joanna Van Gyseghem and Neil Stacey (r). (Oracle)
8.55 News with Fiona Armstrong. Sport and weather 9.10 LWT Weather
9.15 Film: BL Stryker — Blues for Buder (1988). Last in the series of routine made-for-television movies starring Burt Reynolds as BL Stryker, an ex-cop turned private investigator. Stryker attempts to save self-appointed, obnoxious schoolboy preacher Buder Campbell (Neil Patrick Harris, star of the BBC's *Doogie Howser MD*) from corrupt evangelist Brother Powell (Michael Chiklis) who is keen to lay his hands on the boy's substantial trust fund. Reynolds also directs.
11.05 Metro. Ian Dury and Arabella Weir host the arts and entertainment guide to the capital. Studio guests include Alison Moyet and Miriam Margolyes
11.40 Film: Malibu Beach (1978). The season of ludicrous American B films continues with a feeble example of the beach movie genre starring Kim Lankford and James Daughton. Directed by Robert J. Rosenthal
1.15am Up the Junction. American comic Will Durst hosts the show at the Junction Club in Cambridge. Among the guests are acoustic band Everything But the Girl and comedians Otiz Cannelloni and Les and Robert
2.00 Night Heat: Wages of Sin. Detectives Giambone (Jeff Wincott) and O'Brian (Scott Hylands) must unravel a web of blackmail, vice and corruption to discover who is behind a cat burglary that threatens to rock the city government
3.00 American College Football. BYU v Penn State Virginia
4.00 The Hit Man and Her with Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.30 Pet World introduced by vet Dr John Wilson (r) 8.00 Trans World Sport
9.00 News summary followed by Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing. Performances by jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (r)
9.30 Listening Eye: Interpreting Problems. A repeat of Tuesday's edition of the series focusing on issues important to the hearing impaired (r)
10.00 Images: The Real Thing. The series on the history of photography continues with a look at photographers who have been commissioned to record specific events and areas. Narrated by Diana Quick (r). (Teletext)
10.30 Wagon Train (b/w). Classic Fifties western series, this week starring Ann Baxter
11.30 World League of American Football. The London Monarchs play Sacramento Surge in the last of their away games
12.30 The Munsters (b/w). More ghoulish laughs from America's most bizarre household (r)
1.00 Film: My Cousin Rachel (1952, b/w). Passable film adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's Victorian melodrama. Richard Burton won an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of the intense young man who travels to Florence to attend to his foster father — who claims he is being poisoned by his wife, Rachel (Olivia de Havilland). After his father dies and Burton inherits the family estate, he meets and falls in love with Rachel but their life afterwards is far from uncomplicated. Directed by Henry Koster
2.50 The Harpoonist. Estonian animation
3.00 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park and the Curragh. The 3.10, 3.40, 4.10 and 4.40 from Kempton and the 3.50 (Goff Irish 1,000 Guineas) from the Curragh
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext)
6.30 News summary and weather followed by Right to Reply. A viewer tries out his Jon Snow-style interviewing technique on Labour's employment spokesman, Tony Blair. (Teletext)


Bridging the cultural divide: Biggie Tembo, Billy Bragg (7.00pm)

7.00 Sound Stuff: Beyond The Maypole.

● CHOICE: The last time the Zimbabwean musician Biggie Tembo toured Britain was with his old group, the Bhundu Boys. He found little evidence that our folk music tradition had survived. Mike Alexander's film follows Tembo's second odyssey through England, this time alone. After listening to, and playing with, several regional bands, Tembo appears to have amended that earlier view. Clearly, hearing was believing. One hopes, however, that he did not return to Zimbabwe believing all he heard. Mat Fox, of the West Country group The Barely Boys, tells him that whereas England, Scotland and Ireland have identifiable cultures, Wales's is less easy to identify since the principality was more efficiently colonised and put down by the English. Channel 4 must give the land of song and *eisteddfodau* the right to reply to this calumny

8.00 Adventures: The Last Navigator. A look at one of the last island paradises, Satawal in the Caroline Islands in Micronesia. Mau Piailug spends his day navigating ocean-going sailing canoes transporting food and supplies across the Mariannas straits, a way of life that has changed little since the days of his forefathers. (Teletext)
9.00 thirtysomething: Never Better. Sharply written American drama tracing the lives of seven friends in their mid-thirties. (Teletext)
10.00 Film: The World Of Apu (1959, b/w). The last in the masterly Satyajit Ray trilogy tracing the the life of a Bengali boy. Apu tries to eke out a life as a writer after leaving university. His life takes a dramatic turn when he marries his cousin's intended bride, only to see her later die in childbirth. Inconsolable, Apu leaves his new son with his parents, returning five years later to find his young son wild and unruly. A dramatic finale to a finely crafted tale.
11.55 On The Other Hand presented by Shekar Kapur. A special edition of the talk show aimed at an Asian audience examines the implications of Rajiv Gandhi's assassination
12.55 Australian Rules Football introduced by Stephen Quarterman. The main game is Essendon v St Kilda. Also featured is Collingwood v Hawthorn. Ends at 1.55

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6.00am Showcase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 The Three Musketeers (1973): The infamous French swashbucklers set out to retrieve the Queen of France's stolen jewels
10.00 Words By Heart: Drama about the racial tension faced by a black family in the American Midwest. Starring Rob Hooks
12.00 License to Drive (1988): A teenage boy borrows his father's vintage car for a date. Starring Corey Haim
2.00pm Project Tinman (1988): Science-fiction adventure about a peace-loving android who is kidnapped by the military. Starring Hurt Block
4.00 Iron Eagle II (1988): A veteran pilot is called in to lead a joint US/Soviet mission to destroy a weapons centre in the Middle East. Starring Louis Gossett Jr
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Russkies (1987): A gang of teenagers comes to the aid of a Russian sailor stranded in America. Starring Whip Hubley
8.00 Dead Poets' Society (1989): An English teacher (Robin Williams) invites his pupils to "seize the day"
10.05 Meatballs 2 (1984): Eighties American *Carry On*-style romp in a summer camp
11.35 Blue Angel Café (1988). Tara Buckingham and Richard Brown star in a thriller about a young man who is terrorised by a prostitute
1.15am The Sicilian (1987): Romantic story of the Sicilian bandit Salvatore Giuliano and his fight against the oppression of the peasantry. Starring Christopher Lambert
3.55 Gorillas In the Mist (1988): Drama based on the true story of an anthropologist and her crusade to protect an endangered species of gorillas. Starring Sigourney Weaver. Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Captain Blood (1935, b/w). Errol Flynn stars as the Irish doctor who flees a death sentence to follow the life of a buccaneer on the high seas
8.00 The Tall Men (1955): Two ex-Rebel brothers head for the Montana goldfields following the American civil war. Starring Clark Gable
10.05 The Mark of Zorro (1940, b/w): Tyrone Power stars as the masked avenger
11.45 South Pacific (1958): Rodgers and Hammerstein musical set in the South Seas during the second world war. Starring Mitzi Gaynor and Rossanno Brazzi
2.40pm Command Decision (1948, b/w): The commander of a bomber unit comes into conflict with his superior over his radical plans to bomb Dresden. Starring Clark Gable and Walter Pidgeon
4.30 Slipstream (1988): Futuristic drama starring *Star Wars*'s Mark Hamill as a lawman out to bring a renegade robot to justice
6.15 Silent Voice (1987): An enterprising young baseball star mounts a campaign against nuclear weapons. Starring Alex English
8.15 Jimmy Reardon (1988): A teenager tries to come to terms with growing up and starting college. Starring River Phoenix
9.50 Spotlight
10.15 Last Exit To Brooklyn (1990): Jennifer Jason Leigh stars in this drama set against the labour riots of the Fifties
12.00 The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover (1989): Bizarre, violent and compelling tale of an underworld figure's life of lust and excess. Starring Michael Gambon
2.05am Rain Man (1988): Dustin Hoffman won an Oscar for his moving portrayal of an autistic man learning to come to terms with the outside world
4.20 The Forgotten (1989): Six Green Berets return from a Vietnam PoW camp after 17 years in captivity. Starring Keith Carradine. Ends at 5.50

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● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
8.30am BOC Round the World Race Update 9.00 Australian Rugby League 11.00 Live World Team Cup Tennis 2.45 Live International Football: England v Argentina 5.00 Live World Team Cup Tennis 7.00 International Football Highlights 8.00 Ringside 10.00 One-day International Cricket 12.00 Ringside

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12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Holiday 3.05 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 6.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox.

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Jenny Costello (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 The Paul Simon Songbook: Something So Right (4 of 7) 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show 10.00 In Concert: Tom Jones, recorded at London's Hammersmith Odeon last month 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight: The Saturday Show 8.05 Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper: Saturday Selection 1.30pm Someone and the Grumbleweeds (r) 2.00 Encore 3.00 A Walk Through Wales: Last summer, Simon Weston, the former Welsh Guard injured in the Falklands, undertook a charity walk from Chester to Cardiff 3.45 Los Paraguayos: Songs from South America (r) 4.00 The John Dunn Interview: Anne Shelton (r) 4.30 Music While You Work 5.00 Cinema 2 with Charles Nove 5.30 The Law Game 6.00 Things Are Swinging 7.00 Pop Score 7.30 Fascinatin' Gershwin: Live from the Dome, Brighton (r) 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 Angela Rippon 12.05am It's a Funny Business: Deryck Guyler recalls his career (r) 12.30 Geoff Oxley with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 On Your Marks, incl at 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 News; Sport 12.00 News and Sport; Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sportscall. The chance to win two tickets to the Derby. Tel: 0345 909 693 1.30 Sport on 5 with John Champion. International Football: England v Argentina; International Cricket: England v West Indies. Second one-day Texaco international; plus scoreboards from the Britannic Assurance County Championship; Racing from Haydock Park: (2.00) Sandy Lane Stakes; (2.30) Tote Credit Silver Bowl; Golf: Volvo PGA Championship. Second round from Wentworth 7.45 As Radio 4 10.00 Sports Bulletin 10.15 As Radio 4 11.00 Sport 11.15 Fanshawe on Five (r) 12.00-12.15am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Motorsport Specials 1.10 Windsurf 1.40 Brand New Life 2.40-5.00 Film: The Caine Mutiny 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Film: On Golden Pond 1.30 Hooperman 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 World of Skiing 5.00-5.30 Children's Island

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 1.10 Speedway — British Final 2.10 The Silk Road 3.05-5.00 Film: Hannibal Brooks 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50 Tina Turner 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Cinemattractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.05 Ski Championships

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Candid Camera 1.10 World Sport Special 1.40 Cartoon Time 1.45 Film: The Black Rose 4.00-5.00 Speedway — British Final 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.00 CinemAttractions 11.30 Desperado 1.15 Friday the 13th 2.10 Film: Captain Kronos — Vampire Hunter 3.55 America's Top Ten 4.25-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 This is America Charlie Brown 1.10 Seall 1.40 Crann Tara 2.10 Coronation Street 3.05-5.00 Film: Doctor in Distress 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50 Tina Turner 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Sports Action

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Express! 1.10 Hard Time on Planet Earth 2.05 Film: The Little Mermaid 3.35-5.00 McCloud: Top of the World, Ma! 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50 Tina Turner 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Sports Action

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 1.10 World Sport Special 1.40 Film: Booby Trap 3.00 World Cup Yacht Racing 4.00-5.00 German Touring Car Championships 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Witness to Survival 11.35-11.40 Out of Limits

SCOTTISH

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 1.10 Seall 1.40 The Wonderful World of Disney 2.35 The Munsters Today 3.05-5.00 Film: Escape from the Dark 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Sins 12.50 Bicentennial Concert 1.45 Friday the 13th 2.40 CinemAttractions 3.10 Harper 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 1.10 Windsurf 1.40 Speedway — British Final 2.40 Film: Wheel of Fate (Sandra Dorne, Patrick Doonan) 4.00-5.00 Horse Trials 11.05 Dadah is Dead 12.50 Tina Turner 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Ski Championships

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Candid Camera 1.10 Windsurf 1.40 Soccer in the 70s 2.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.05 McCloud: Somebody's Out to Get Jenny 4.30-5.00 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Film: Slap Shot (Paul Newman, Michael Ontkean) 1.20 America's Top Ten 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.20 Night Gallery 3.00 National Ice Hockey League 4.00 Murphy's Law 5.00-5.30 Rallycross

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.10pm Matlock 3.00-5.00 Film: The Mountain 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50 Tina Turner 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-6.00 Ski Championships

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Pinbol 1.10 Wrestling 2.10 The A-Team 3.10 The Munsters Today 3.45 Highway to Heaven 4.45-5.00 Cartoon 5.15-6.10 Magnum 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50 Tina Turner 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Ski Championships

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Katts and Dog 1.10 McCloud 2.35 the Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.05 Film: Warlords of Atlantis 4.50-5.00 Cartoon 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Film: Coogan's Bluff (Clint Eastwood, Lee J. Cobb) 12.50 Philip Marlowe: Private Eye 1.45 Backstage 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Special Squad 4.50 Superboy 5.20-5.30 The Best of Football

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.30 Pet World 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News summary 9.04 C4 Racing — The Morning Line 9.25 Slot Sadwrn 11.30 Dig 12.00 Jonathan Ross 12.30 Sumo 1.00 World League of American Football 2.00 Five from Home 3.00 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park and the Curragh 5.05 Brookside 6.30 The Wonder Years 7.00 Newyddion 7.10 Charles Williams 8.00 Cerddorfa Symffoni Gymreig y BBC 9.20 Film on Four: Smack and Thistle 11.05 Manhattan Cable 11.55 On the Other Side 12.55 Australian Rules Football '91 1.55 Diwedd

RADIO 3

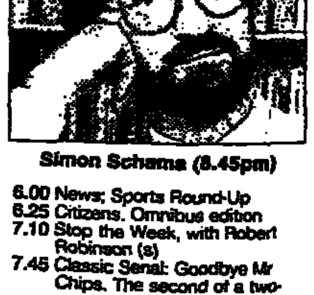
6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Bernstein (Overture, Candide: LSO under Previn); Chaminade (Flute Concerto: Susan Milan; City of London Sinfonia under Hickox); Gottschalk (The Last Hope: Alan Marks, piano); Henry Cowell (Saturday Night at the Fire House: Milwaukee SO under Foss)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Gershwin (Piano Concerto in F: Pittsburgh SO under Previn, piano); Milhaud (Le Boeuf sur le toit: French National Orchestra under Bernstein)
8.30 News
8.35 Ulster Orchestra under Takuo Yuasa performs Dvořák (Overture, Hussite, Op 67); Suk (Meditations on an Old Bohemian Chorale); Dvořák (Violin Concerto in A minor, Op 53: Vanya Milanova)
9.30 Saturday Review (FM only from 10.40), with Richard Osborne. Record Review — Building a Library: Falla's ballet El amor brujo; two new cycles of Prokofiev's piano sonatas; two Alfred Brendel collections. 10.40 Record Release: Chopin (Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op 44: Alfred Brendel, piano); Prokofiev (String Quartet No 2: Chilingirian Quartet); Elgar (Falstaff: Montreal SO under Dutoit); Prokofiev (Sonata No 4: John Lill, piano); Schubert (Quintet in A, D 667, Trout)
10.40-7.30pm Cricket Special (MW only): England v West Indies. Second one-day Texaco international from Old Trafford. 1.05pm News. 1.10 To the Islands in the Sun. The England tours of the Caribbean in 1948 and 1954 (r). 1.30 County Scoreboard. 1.40-7.30 Commentary, including County Talk
12.55pm Words (FM only): Kate Adie, the BBC's chief news correspondent, reflects on language 1.00 News (FM only)
1.05 Schumann Song Cycles (FM only): Liederkreis, Op 39; Frauenliebe und -leben, Op 42
2.05 BBC Scottish SO (FM only) under Takuo Yuasa; Royal SNO Chorus (women's voices) performs Edward McGuire (Calgacus), Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 1: Julian Lloyd Webber); Holst (The Planets)
3.45 Shostakovich (FM only): Borodin Quartet performs Quartet No 7 in F sharp minor, Op 108
4.00 Tuning Up (FM only): Chris de Souza visits the Brighton festival and listens to a concert of medieval dance music by the Dufay Collective
5.00 Jazz Record Requests (FM only)
5.45 Third Opinion (FM only), with Michael Billington. Includes reviews of *Black Poppies*; Tom Stoppard's film *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*; and *Immortality* by Milan Kundera
6.30 Brahms (FM only): The pianist Bernd Glemser plays Sonata in F minor, Op 5
7.15 Fidelio (FM only until 7.30): The 1990 Salzburg Festival production of Beethoven's opera, conducted by Kurt Masur, with Rachel Gettler (Leonore), Thomas Moser (Florestan), John Tomlinson (Rocco) and Rene Pape (Don Fernando). Act 1
8.40 Crime and Captivity

● CHOICE: Since *Fidelio*, set in a dungeon, reflects nothing of the rising belief in the positive power of imprisonment at the time Beethoven was writing his opera, Roy Porter's interval talk has the field to itself. Even penal reformers such as John Brewer, he recalls, made the mistake of declaring that convicts must truly suffer before they could truly be saved. The poet William Cowper, on the other hand, thought all constraint was evil, although Swift's Tom Clinch made the most of a bad job when, en route for Tyburn, "he stopped at the George for a bottle of sack/And promised to pay for it when he came back". (r) 9.00 Act 2

10.00 Issues (r)
10.25 Two Duos: Erich Gruenberg, violin, Susan Bradshaw, piano, play Stravinsky (Duo Concertant); Roberto Gerhard (Gemini)
11.00 Radio Goes to Town: Recorded at the Pavilion Theatre, Brighton. Michael Garrick, solo piano, and the Royal Academy Jazz String Quartet play arrangements of Mood Indigo, La Fiesta and Milestones, and original compositions by Michael Garrick 12.00-12.05am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 7.00 Today, incl at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Travel and holiday news from the Scottish islands. Ken Bruce explores the Orkneys, Clive Jacobs cruises round the Hebrides and Simon Parkes visits Islay
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Ned Sherrin hosts an hour of live interjections (s)
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster, with Robin Oakley, political editor of *The Times*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box, with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby
12.25pm The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel: The third of six classic comedy scripts written by Nat Perrin and Arthur Sheekman (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Formby, Lancashire, by Edwina Currie, MP; Anthony Sampson; Chris Mullin, MP; and Nicholas Hinton (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can ring Jonathan Dimbleby with their views on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: An Unsuitable Job for a Woman. Judi Bowker stars as Cordelia Gray in Neville Teller's dramatisation of P.D. James's first novel featuring her female detective. A scientist hires Gray to investigate his son's suicide (s)
4.30 Science Now
5.00 Writers Revealed: David Hare. The first of six programmes in which Rosemary Hartill talks with playwrights about how their ideas and beliefs influence their work (s) (r)
5.25 Week Ending: David Tate, Sally Grace, Brian Bowles and Paul Shearer with a satirical review of the week's news (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather


Simon Schama (8.45pm)

6.00 News; Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens. Omnibus edition
7.10 Stop the Week, with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Classic Serial: Goodbye Mr Chips. The second of a two-part adaptation of James Hilton's novel (r)
8.45 Kaleidoscope: Roy Porter talks to the historian Simon Schama, whose account of the French Revolution won last year's NCR Book Award (s)
9.15 Music in Mind, presented by Brian Kay (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten, led by Canon John Oates (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.10 The New Arcadia: Colin Tudge considers whether animals and humans can live together in perfect harmony
10.45 For He is an Englishman: In the last of six talks, Charles Arnold-Baker, born a Prussian aristocrat, reflects on English society (r)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with the Arthur Searle, the curator of music manuscripts at the British Library (s) (r)
11.30 The Miles and Millner Show: Tony Miles and Rob Millner take up their batons for the final programme of music and sketches. With guests Jonathan Cecil, Flaminia Cinque, Professor Jim Tavare, the Butterfield Quartet, the Gabrieli Scholars and Anthony Crisp (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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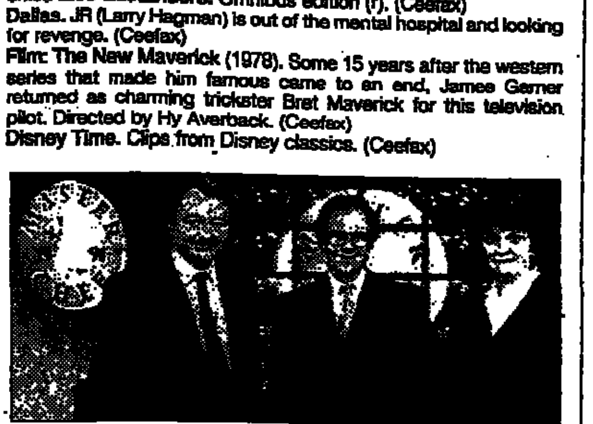
BBC 1

6.45 Open University. Ends at 8.50
8.55 Playdays (r) 9.15 Movable Feasts. Children's religious series (r)
9.30 This Is the Day from Harry, the Christian arts festival at the Royal Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate. (Ceefax) 10.00 When in France: Provence (r) 10.25 Discovering Portuguese (r) 10.50 Step Up to Wordpower. Literacy help course for adults (r). (Ceefax)
11.15 Advice Shop. Coping with divorce 11.40 Bazaar (r) 12.05 See Hear! Magazine programme for the deaf community
12.30 Country File presented by John Craven 12.55 Weather
1.00 News followed by On the Record. A report on the behind-the-scenes diplomacy over Britain's position on European monetary union 2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Dallas. JR (Larry Hagman) is out of the mental hospital and looking for revenge. (Ceefax)
3.45 Film: The New Maverick (1978). Some 15 years after the western series that made him famous came to an end, James Garner returned as charming trickster Bret Maverick for this television pilot. Directed by Hy Averback. (Ceefax)
5.15 Disney Time. Clips from Disney classics. (Ceefax)



Amateur chef quest: Livingstone, Grossman and Harris (5.55pm)

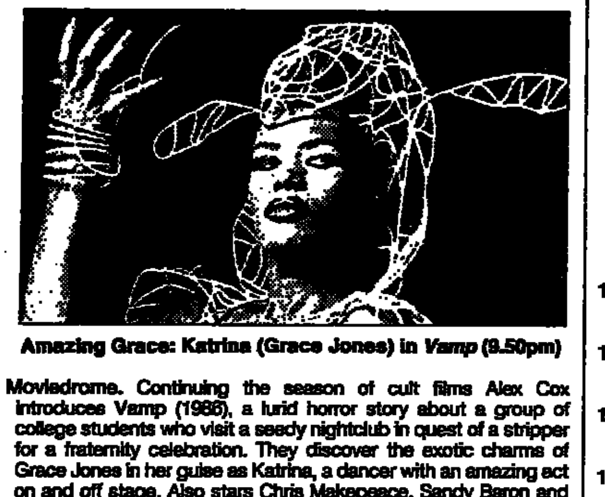
5.55 Masterchef.

● CHOICE: Ken Livingstone, one of the judges in the North of England semi-final of this fast and furious cookery contest, survives with orange tart on his tie but no egg on his face. As he samples the entries, he provides verbal proof and ecstatic facial contortions to support his contention that socialist politicians are not austere and boring people, eating their bowls of gruel in drab little rooms and emerging only to plot a revolution. *Masterchef* host Loyd Grossman puts the chat into a wider perspective by recalling that Bologna, with the longest-serving communist administration in western Europe, also serves the best food in Italy. His knowledge of Italian gastro-politics does not, however, extend to the correct way to pronounce *tagliatelle*, a fault he shares with one of the contestants. Livingstone's fellow judge, the Italian regional cookery expert Valentina Harris, should have corrected them. (Ceefax)

6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise from St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Merthyr Tydfil. (Ceefax)
7.15 Butterflies. Carla Lane's bitter-sweet sitcom from the Seventies starring Wendy Craig as Ria, a bored housewife tempted by the attentions of another man (r). (Ceefax)
7.45 All Creatures Great and Small. Another tale of the Yorkshire vets and their grumpy customers. (Ceefax)
8.35 Tonight at 8.30: Still Life. The series of playlets written by Noël Coward continues with this simple love story about three contrasting couples set in the unromantic surroundings of Midford Junction Station Refreshment Room. Myrtle Bagot (Joan Collins) is the buxom widow installed behind the counter who, with her assistant Beryl (Diane Langton), is the subject of the amorous attentions of the ticket inspector (Norman Rossington) and the platform porter (Steve Nicolson). An accident brings together the third couple (John Alderton and Jane Asher) but each is married. This story was later expanded by Coward for the cinema and directed by David Lean as *Brief Encounter*. (Ceefax)
9.05 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather
9.20 That's Life! introduced by Esther Rantzen
10.00 Mastermind. The four highest scoring runners-up compete for the last place in the final. The specialist subjects are Vera Brittain, Sir Arthur Sullivan and Adolf Hitler. The fourth subject will be known after a preliminary competition between three contestants with identical points and passes from earlier rounds
10.35 Everyman: The Devil You Know. A follow-up to the edition shown in March of last year about the excesses of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. Northern Ireland: The Championship — Antrim v Fermanagh 11.25 Everyman
11.25 Walk the Talk: Pride and Privilege. Continuing the series on successful management
11.50 The Sky at Night: Guarding Their Secrets. Patrick Moore is joined by Dr Ian McHardy for the latest news on BL Lacertae, a curious object found in the northern constellation of Lacerta
12.10am Mahabharat (r). Northern Ireland: 12.15 Walk the Talk 12.40 The Sky at Night. Wales: 12.30 Farming in Wales
12.50 Weather

BBC 2

6.35 Open University: Scenes from *Dr Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe 7.00 Public Health — Going With the Flow 7.25 Introduction To Calculus 7.50 Engineering Mechanics 8.15 Science — Nuclear Tunnelling 8.40 Music: Modulation 9.05 Relational Concepts 9.30 The National Grid 9.55 Arts Foundation Course: Victorian Ways of Death 10.20 Biology Form: Breaths of Life 10.45 Maths: Calculus 11.10 Open Advice: So You Want to be a Better Manager? 11.35 Energy and Rockets
12.00 Regional Parliamentary programmes. Northern Ireland: The European Challenge; Wales: First Sight
12.30 Scrutiny. Includes an interview with the Commons health committee chairman Nicholas Winterton, an outspoken critic of hospital trusts (Ceefax)
1.00 Open University: Environments — Danish Energy
1.25 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 1.30, 3.40 and 5.45 Water Skiing: the Carlsberg European championships from Kirtons Farm, Reading. The commentators are Gerald Sinstadt, Karen Morse and Mike Hazelwood; 2.20 Hockey: the Poundstretcher national cup final between Havant, the holders, and last year's beaten finalists, Hounslow. Describing the action are Barry Davies and Ian Taylor; Golf: the third round of the Volvo PGA championship from Wentworth. The commentating team is Steve Rider, Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Clive Clark, Alex Hay and Mike Hughesdon. Wales: Cricket — Glamorgan v Sussex
6.00 The Chelsea Flower Show. Alan Titchmarsh, Anne Gregg and Stefan Buczacki with an uncritical drool over the floral fare on display at the Royal Horticultural Society's spring show in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (r)
6.35 The Money Programme. Michael Robinson asks if the water companies are making too much profit from the consumer on the grounds of the urgent need to make environmental improvements to supplies
7.15 Great Journeys: The Silk Road. Colin Thubron, writer and committed Sinophile, takes viewers on a trip along the Silk Road — the 5,000-mile trail used by Asian merchants bearing the luxury fabric to the Mediterranean. Thubron's Asia is a far cry from the rigidly controlled beauty of Peking and surrounds that he explored in *Behind The Wall*. It spans the 14th century fortress city of Jiayuguan and beyond, the Taklamakan desert, and Kashgar, a predominately Muslim town more than 2,500 miles west of Peking (r). (Ceefax)
8.10 Relative Values: Keeping Up with the Medici. Lively six-part series exploring financial, social, aesthetic and political factors that place value on art. Robert Hughes and Francis Gaskell ponder the factors that affect a painter's worth. Certainly the high flying art collectors who roam the world in search of another painted trinket for their collections, seemingly not worried about the outlandish prices attached to their treasure, play a large part. A number of collectors, including such personalities as Baron Thyssen, Paul Mellon, Dennis Hopper and horror king Vincent Price, try to rationalise their artistic lust
9.05 Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy. Episode four of Arthur Hopcraft's stylishly incomprehensible adaptation of the John le Carré novel. George Smiley (Alec Guinness) encounters his KGB equivalent, Karla (*Star Trek*'s Patrick Stewart), with whom he spent time some years earlier in a Delhi jail. Ian Richardson, Bernard Hepton and Michael Jayston lead a marvellous supporting cast. Some viewers only switch on for the *Nunc Dimittis* (r). (Ceefax)



Amazing Grace: Katrina (Grace Jones) in *Vamp* (9.50pm)

9.50 Moviedrome. Continuing the season of cult films Alex Cox introduces Vamp (1986), a lurid horror story about a group of college students who visit a seedy nightclub in quest of a stripper for a fraternity celebration. They discover the exotic charms of Grace Jones in her guise as Katrina, a dancer with an amazing act on and off stage. Also stars Chris Makepeace, Sandy Baron and Gedde Watanabe. Directed, with some style and an attempt at humour, by Richard Wenk. (Ceefax)
11.25 Golf. Highlights of the third round of the Volvo PGA championship from Wentworth
12.05am Dance Energy II introduced by Normski. A repeat of the programme shown on Monday. Ends at 1.00

ITV

6.00 TV-am. With, at 8.00, Frost on Sunday. The guests include Robin Cook, MP, the shadow health minister. Reviewing the newspapers are Andrew Neil and Frances Edmonds
9.25 Disney Sunday Movie: Hero in the Family (1986) Routine Disney adventure starring Cliff de Young as a Nasa astronaut who touches a dangerous crystal in outer space sending him into the body of his partner Orville, a chimpanzee. It is then up to his son (Christopher Collet) to rescue his father before the change becomes permanent. Directed by Mel Damski. Part two next Sunday
10.20 The Littlest Hobo. Cartoon series
10.45 Link. The series for the handicapped takes a two-part look at the compensation that disabled people can claim
11.00 Morning Worship from Lee Abbey, a Christian holiday and conference centre in Devon
12.00 Visions presented by Nick Stuart
12.30 LWT News Weekend
1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather
1.10 Walden. Brian Walden interviews the health secretary William Waldegrave
2.00 International Rugby Union. Canada v Scotland in New Brunswick
2.55 Film: Carry On Constable (1960, b/w). Another saucy outing with familiar faces Sid James, Kenneth Connor, Leslie Phillips and Kenneth Williams. There is farce in the force when the *Carry On* team become London bobbies for the usual mix of slapstick and *double entendre*. Directed by Gerald Thomas
4.35 The Muppets at Disney World. Jim Henson's inventions enjoy themselves in Florida
5.30 The Queen in the United States. Highlights of the ten-day visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Washington DC, Florida and Texas, presented by Bill Neely. (Oracle)
6.00 Bullseye. Jim Bowen hosts the darts and general knowledge game
6.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 A Day Out With Dana. The first in a new series in which the singer Dana travels round the British Isles. This week she joins young people taking part in a Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme on board the training ship Sir Winston Churchill
7.15 The Help Squad. Second of a six-part advice series

Having a ball: Denholm Elliott and Samantha Bond (7.50pm)

7.50 The Black Candle

● CHOICE: Perhaps to compensate for the absence of anything resembling a black candle in Gordon Hann's adaptation of the Catherine Cookson novel about love, hate, greed, murder, riches, poverty and self-sacrifice in late 19th century Northumberland, there is a villain (Nathaniel Parker) so black that even the hungriest of sensation-seekers will cry "Enough!" and beg to be excused long before the fiend gets his come-uppence round about 9.40pm. This is melodrama that not only pulls out all the stops but yanks out the whole console. The only believable moment is when a horse's breath turns smoky in a snowy courtyard. But there is a smashing cast, including Samantha Bond and Denholm Elliott

9.50 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather
10.10 Tales of the Unexpected: Hit and Run. John Duttine and Susan Penhaligon star in this tale of a husband who is devastated when he loses his wilful but pretty wife (r). (Oracle)
10.40 Singles. Perceptive romantic sitcom starring Roger Rees, Judy Loe, Eamon Boland and Susie Blake as four lonely people who meet in a singles bar (r). (Oracle)
11.10 The Shape of the World: Empire. The fifth of a six-part documentary series unravelling the story of maps. (Oracle). Followed by The Day
12.15am The ITV Chart Show (r)
1.10 New Music. Rock and pop magazine
2.10 Derrick. German police drama starring Horst Tappert
3.20 Pick of the Week. Highlights from regional television
3.50 Portrait of America. Travelogue narrated by Hal Holbrook
4.45 Adventure. Video collage of adventurous types
5.05 The Magic Wok. Chinese culinary delights
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Foofur 8.00 Shark and George 8.30 Betty's Bunch. New Zealand-made drama serial 8.55 The California Raisin Show
9.25 Malgudi Days: Swamy and Friends. Final part of this serial from India. In Hindi with English subtitles.
10.00 A Week in Politics — Second Reading. Includes Labour's education spokesman Derek Fatchett, MP, and former education minister George Walden, MP, discussing the government's new plans for education at 16-plus
10.45 Dennis 11.00 Beat That. Young people support ducks 11.30 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage western adventures
12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (b/w)
2.00 Film: Beau James (1957). A bowdlerised biopic of Twenties New York mayor Jimmy Walker, with Bob Hope uneasy in a straight role. Directed by Melville Shavelson
3.55 Without Walls: Sleeping Beauty Rediscovered. In 1968 Keith Money filmed act one of the Royal Ballet production of Petipa's celebrated ballet starring Margot Fonteyn. Last year Money's material was discovered in a derelict barn in Norfolk and pieced together to form an unusual record of a notable production (r)
4.25 Pursuit of Power. An interview with former Conservative cabinet minister John Biffen, MP 4.55 News summary and weather
5.00 Just Some Stories For Eleanor. At the age of 42 school teacher Stephen Pegg was diagnosed as suffering from the fatally wasting motor neurone disease. Aware that he would never see his young daughter grow to maturity he began composing poems and stories and a latent writing talent blossomed (r).
6.00 Kabaddi. West Bengal v Tamil Nadu
6.30 The Wonder Years. American comedy series

Cowboy country: *gardians* ride through the marshes (7.00pm)

7.00 Fragile Earth: Camargue.

● CHOICE: Now and again, watching this admirable documentary series about threatened environments, the nagging suspicion arises that emergencies are being exaggerated in the interest of dramatic impact. Part one of Brian Skilton's two-parter about the famous wetlands of southern France makes the point that half of what was wild in the region in 1945 has now gone. But however much the commentary may go on about fears for the survival of the Camargue as it is known and loved, what we *see* tells a different story. True, there is more rice being grown than in the past, but the greater flamingos are still there in vast numbers, and so are the white horses and black bulls, and the sunflowers still grow in profusion. Perhaps part two of *Camargue* will give us greater cause to worry about the fragility of this particular piece of earth. (Teletext)

8.00 Hard News investigates why teachers continue to have a negative image in many newspapers. Plus — the outside pressure brought to bear on football writers
8.30 Stocker's Copper.

● CHOICE: The fuse in Tom Clarke's play about a 1913 Cornish miners' strike is a long one, and it burns slowly. The history books confirm what Clarke (and the play's director, Jack Gold) so vividly portray: that when the powder keg eventually exploded, the result was very bloody. Clarke's play was first screened by the BBC in 1971 when Gold was establishing his reputation as one of the most exciting of television directors. Twenty years later, this account of the Cornish strike and its savage suppression by a force of imported police, retains its power to touch the heart and stir the social conscience. In the chronicles of martyr-making, it takes its place alongside Tolpuddle and Tonypandy and does, in fact, have an interesting link with what happened in South Wales in 1910

10.15 Film: The Dressmaker (1988). A British film with impeccable credentials — directed by *The Monocled Mutineer*'s Jim O'Brien, written by Scottish playwright John McGrath from the novel by Beryl Bainbridge and starring Joan Plowright, Billie Whitelaw and Jane Horrocks. The setting is 1944 Liverpool where shy, neurotic Rita (Horrocks) lives with her two aunts, the domineering Nellie (Plowright) and the scatty, sexually-active Margo (Whitelaw). Theirs is a repressed, tense household and when Rita falls for a gauche young American GI (Tim Ransom) the balance is irrevocably disturbed
11.55 True Stories: Inside Sellafield. A documentary crew was allowed full access to the nuclear reprocessing plant at Sellafield and filmed for ten weeks inside the vast plant (r). Ends at 1.25am

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Farming Diary 2.55 Film: What a Way to Go! 5.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 The Queen in the US 12.10am Speedway — The British Final 1.10 Soap 1.40 CinemAttractions 2.10 Film: Cold Blood 3.35 Vivid 4.05 America's Top Ten 4.35-5.30 The Silk Road II

BORDER

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Gardening Time 2.55-5.30 Film: The Spirit of St Louis 6.00-6.30 Ring Up The Smiles 12.10am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 Quiz Night 1.35 Kojak 2.30 Patter Merchants 3.00 Film: The Baby and the Battleship 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Gardening Time 2.55 Out of Limits 3.10 Film: Kaleidoscope 5.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 The Queen in the US 12.10am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 Santa Barbara 2.00 Film: What's Good for the Goose 3.55 The ITV Chart Show 4.50-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm The River Thames 2.00 Santa Barbara 2.55 International Rugby 3.50 Special Effects 4.55 Cartoon Time 5.05 The Queen in the US 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.40 The Shape of the World 11.40 Singles 12.10am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 Quiz Night 1.35 Kojak 2.30 Patter Merchants 3.00 Film: The Baby and the Battleship 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Clive's Characters 2.00 People On Sunday 2.30 HTV Newsweek 3.00 Rugby Union: Canada v Scotland 3.55-5.30 Film: The Odd Job 6.00-6.30 The River Thames

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Survival — The First 30 Years 2.00 Farming Wales 2.30-3.00 Wales on Sunday

SCOTTISH

As London except: 10.45am Glen Michael's Cartoon Cavalcade 11.15 Link 11.30-12.00 Revelations 12.30-1.00 Elkon 2.55 Brazil '70 4.00 Bullseye 4.30-5.30 Your Health's Your Wealth 6.00-6.30 Reid About Scots 12.10am Wolf 1.05 Film: Doctor at Large 2.20 The ITV Chart Show 3.20 Pick of the Week 3.50 Quiz Night 4.20 Video View 4.50 Pop Profile 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week 2.55 Fisheries News 3.10 Coronation Street 4.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth 5.00 The Queen in the US 5.30 The TSW Documentary 6.00-6.30 Coach 12.10am In the Heat of the Night 1.05 Quiz Night 1.35 Kojak 2.30 Patter Merchants 3.00 Film: The Baby and the Battleship 4.45-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TVS News followed by Agenda 2.55 Horse Trials 3.55-5.30 Film: Charlie, the Lonesome Cougar 6.00-6.30 Tell the Truth 12.10am The Human Factor 12.40 Police Precinct 1.40 The ITV Chart Show 2.40 David Frost's Caribbean Trivial Pursuit 3.35 Pick of the Week 4.05 The Hitman and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 The Pintubi 3.00 Who's The Boss? 3.30 Bullseye 4.00 Reach Out and Touch 4.30 The Queen in the US 5.00 Northern Life Review 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 Quiz Night 1.35 Kojak 2.35 Patter Merchants 3.00 Film: The Baby and the Battleship 4.45-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.55 Phoenix Park Motor Racing 3.25 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.55 Murder, She Wrote 4.50 Cartoon Time 5.05 The Queen in the US 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.10am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 Quiz Night 1.35 Kojak 2.30 Patter Merchants 3.00 Film: The Baby and the Battleship 4.45-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm Heidi 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 2.55 Film: The Undefeated (John Wayne, Rock Hudson) 5.05 Brand New Life 6.00-6.30 The Queen in the US 12.10am Hooperman 12.40 Pick of the Week 1.10 The Twilight Zone 1.40 The ITV Chart Show 2.35 Books by my Bedside 3.05 Short Story Theatre 4.05 Some Call it Jazz 4.35-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Foofur 8.00 Sharkey and George 8.30 Betty's Bunch 8.55 California Raisin Show 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Beat That 10.00 A Week in Politics 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* 11.45 The People's Game 12.00 The Waltons 12.55 Acen 1.20 Bedwar Ban 1.30 Bwrw Mlaen 2.00 Fragile Earth 3.00 Adventures 4.00 Film: Frieda* 5.45 Crystal Maze 6.45 San Steffan 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 Holi Hwn a Hollal 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Ffiniau 9.20 Criced 10.00 True Stories 11.10 Re-Play Mug 11.25 Hard News 11.55 Inside Sellafield 1.25 Diwedd

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Malcolm Arnold (Four Cornish Dances); Schubert (Moments musicaux, No 1 in C, D 780); Butterworth (Rhapsody — A Shropshire Lad)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Sibelius (Finlandia); Frank Martin (Ballade for flute, piano and string orchestra); Elgar (Suite, The Spanish Lady); Saint-Saëns (Carnival of the Animals) 8.30 News
8.35 Ayres for the Theatre: In the fifth of eight programmes, Parley of Instruments under Peter Holman and Roy Goodman; King's Consort perform Purcell (Suite, The Virtuous Wife; Ah! How Sweet It Is to Love); John Eccles (Suite, The Mad Lover; Cease of Cupid to Complain); John Weldon (Reason What Art Thou?); Eccles (I Burn, I Burn)
9.15 Dennis Brain: Second of six programmes. Mozart (Horn Concerto in E flat, K 417: with Philharmonia under von Karajan); Beethoven (Horn Sonata in F, Op 17, with Denis Matthews, piano); Handel (Arias Nos 1 and 2 for two horns with oboes and bassoons: with London Baroque Ensemble under Haas); Strauss (Horn Concerto in E flat, Op 11: Philharmonia under Sawallisch)
10.15 Music Weekly
11.00 Boston SO under Seiji Ozawa performs Giovanni Gabrieli (Canzona septimi toni); Schoenberg (Piano Concerto, Op 42: Peter Serkin); Beethoven (Symphony No 3, Op 55, Eroica)
12.20pm Clément Janequin Ensemble performs a selection of French chansons, including works by Arcadelt and Compère (r)
12.45 Table Talk: Sugar and Spice. John Moffatt reads a new short story by Helen Simpson
1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice: Janáček (Sinfonietta: Philharmonia under Rattle); de Falla (Concerto for harpsichord and five instruments. Robert Veyron-Lacroix, harpsichord; Ensemble under Dutoit); Gluck (Divinités du Styx, Alceste: Maria Callas; Orchestra National de la Radiodiffusion under Prêtre); Corelli (Concerto Grosso in C, Op 6 No 10: I Musici); Corrette (Laudate Dominum: Soloists; Ensemble Vocal et Instrumental de Lyon under Guy Cornut)
2.30 Chamber Music from Birmingham: Henry Herford, baritone, Robin Bowman, piano, perform Fauré (L'Horizon chimérique, Op 118); Finzi (Let Us Garlands Bring); Debussy (Trois ballades de François Villon); Butterworth (Six Songs, A Shropshire Lad); Ravel (Histoires naturelles); Ives (Six Songs)
3.55 Poet of the Month: Kenneth Slessor
4.05 Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Tamas Vasary performs Rossini (Overture, The Silken Ladder); Colin Matthews (Night Music); Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D, D 200)
5.00 Soundings: Schubert's songs
6.00 Evensong for Trinity Sunday from Chichester Cathedral
7.00 Schumann (Fantasie, Op 17: Martha Argerich, piano)
7.30 Sunday Play: Quartermaine's Terms

● CHOICE: Richard Wigmore's radio adaptation of Simon Gray's stage play about the ups and downs of the staff at a Cambridge school teaching English to a steadily decreasing number of foreigners is yet another feather in the cap of the BBC World Service's drama department. Gordon House has directed many fine Bush House plays, and this production of *Quartermaine* is up there with the best of them. It is a marvellous portrait gallery of flawed men and women, all sympathetically painted and, in the case of the hopelessly inadequate Quartermaine (Michael Williams), heartbreakingly so

9.00 A Mozart Festival: Wind Soloists of the COE perform Harmonie music. Don Giovanni, arr Triebensee; Serenade in C minor, K 388; Divertimento in E flat for string trio, K 563, incl 9.45 Interval Reading
10.45 Morton Feldman (Voices and Instruments; For Stefan Wolpe)
11.40 Debussy (Pour le piano: Ivan Moravec)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm (new series): Peter Segger of Organic Farm Foods treats Robert Forster of the *Farmer's Guardian* to a hearty Welsh breakfast 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather
8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 The Rev Roger Royle speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of an organisation concerned with caring for those suffering from a neuromuscular condition known as Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease 8.55 Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Beulah United Reform Church, Cardiff
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand: A personal review of the current crop of magazines and periodicals with Louise Levene
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (s) (r)
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is John Smith, MP, shadow chancellor of the Exchequer (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: A postbag edition with Clay Jones and experts
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Blythe Spirit. Noël Coward's comedy about a collaboration between a writer and a spiritualist which has unexpected results. With Paul Eddington and Julia McKenzie (s) (r)
4.00 News; Analysis, with David Walker (r)
4.47 Rich Pickings: Rain. Rosemary Leach and Michael Fitzgerald read poetry and prose about the weather (2 of 6)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: David Blunkett, MP, enthuses about his home city of Sheffield
5.40 Unfair Sex: Below the Belt. Tony Slattery and Haydn Gwynne present the last in a four-part anthology of misogynous sayings. One quote under observation this week comes from the singer David Lee Roth: "The perfect woman has a perfect brain, wants to make love until four in the morning, then turns into a pizza" (s) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News
6.15 The Village: The first of an eight-part series following the triumphs and tragedies of a small rural community in Hampshire begins with the search for the ghost of Jenkyn Place (r)
6.30 Far Flung Faith: Roman Catholics on the island of South Uist talk and sing about their beliefs, in the first of two programmes on religion in the Outer Hebrides (s)
7.00 The Root of the Matter: John Thirlwall reports on key issues affecting the people of Jersey
7.30 Bookshelf: Children's Books Grow Up (r)
8.00 The Scarman Report: PC 2000. In the second of a five-part enquiry, Lord Scarman hears evidence from local politicians, academics, lawyers and members of the public on how the British police service should be managed in the future
9.00 News; Treasure Islands: Illustrator and author Shirley Hughes and writer Tony Bradman sift through new books for the under-fives (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme: Oil rig platforms provide an innovative solution for the nesting problems experienced by the little tern on the Lincolnshire coast (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The River Young: Michael Young travels to Borneo to trace his grandfather's influence (s) (r)
11.00 In Committee: The work of Parliament's select committees
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Nearer to God in the Garden. The last in a series of four programmes reflecting spiritual responses to being in a garden (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 9.00 Carmen: George Bizet's opera, recorded live in May 1989 at Earls Court in London 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour. 5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 10.30 Holiday Destinations 11.30 Those Were the Days 1.30pm Target 2.30 The World: A TV History 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 7.30 The World: A TV History 8.30 Target 10.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.30am Target 1.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Beyond 2000

● Via the Marcopolo satellite only. News on the hour. 4.30pm Mahler's Das Lied Von Der Erde 6.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 7.30 Opera: Verdi's Luisa Miller

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 The Four Musketeers (1975): The original Musketeers expand ranks and continue to swashbuckle and romance their way through life. Starring Oliver Reed, Richard Chamberlain, Faye Dunaway and Michael York
10.00 Cocoon: The Return (1988): The senior citizens take a break from immortality and return to Earth. Starring Don Ameche
12.00 The Return of the Incredible Hulk (1988): Mild-mannered Bruce Banner tries to rid himself of his hulking alter-ego. Starring Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno
2.00pm The Trial of the Incredible Hulk (1989): The Hulk teams up with Daredevil to confront an evil gangster
3.35 The Best of Carry On Outrageous Behaviour
4.00 Heartbreak Hotel (1989): Two boys kidnap Elvis Presley (David Keith) to revive their ailing mother (Tuesday Weld)
6.00 The House on Carroll Street (1988): A young woman in McCarthy-era America uncovers a government plot to smuggle Nazis into the US. Starring Kelly McGillis and Jeff Daniels
7.40 Projector
8.00 Field of Dreams (1989): American fantasy about a farmer who rouses the spirits of his now-dead baseball heroes. Starring Kevin Costner
10.00 Two Moon Junction (1989): Steamy tale about a girl from a wealthy Southern family and her obsessive lust for a carnival worker. Starring *Twin Peaks*'s Sherilyn Fenn
11.50 Kickboxer (1989): Martial arts thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme
1.30am The Brink's Job (1978): Peter Falk stars in the dramatic re-telling of the infamous Fifties Boston heist
4.00 D.O.A. (1988): Dennis Quaid is poisoned and has 24 hours to find his murderer. Co-stars Meg Ryan. Ends at 5.40

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am Moonfleet (1955): Stewart Granger stars as the leader of a notorious gang of smugglers who adopts a young boy
8.15 Flower Drum Song (1961): Classic Rogers and Hammerstein musical about love and life in Chinatown. Starring Nancy Kwan
10.35 Pick Up on South Street (1953, b/w): A pickpocket inadvertently steals a bag containing secret microfilm. Starring Richard Widmark
12.15pm Appointment with Death (1988): Peter Ustinov stars as Hercule Poirot, out to solve the murder of a tourist in the Holy Land
2.15 The Desert Rats (1953, b/w): A British captain takes charge of an Australian unit during the second world war. Starring Richard Burton
4.15 A Chorus of Disapproval (1989): A screen adaptation of Alan Ayckbourn's successful stage play about a nervous widower who joins an amateur dramatics group. Starring Jeremy Irons, Anthony Hopkins and Prunella Scales
6.15 Transylvania 6-5000 (1985): Ed Begley Jr and Jeff Goldblum star as journalists investigating rumours of vampirism in modern-day Transylvania
8.15 Another Woman (1988) An adult drama from Woody Allen about an emotionally reclusive woman who is forced to reassess her life. Starring Gena Rowlands, Mia Farrow and Gene Hackman
10.15 Midnight Express (1978) Hard-hitting story of an American interned in a Turkish jail on a drugs-smuggling charge. Starring Brad Davis, John Hurt and Randy Quaid
12.20am The January Man (1988) An offbeat detective is called in by the New York police to assist with a serial killer case. Starring Kevin Kline, Susan Sarandon and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio
2.00 The Moderns (1988) An art forger tries to rekindle his relationship with an old flame in this tangled tale of romance among a group of Americans in Twenties Paris. Starring Keith Carradine and Genevieve Bujold
4.05 War Zone (1989) Two journalists are sent to Beirut to cover the urban war. Starring Christopher Walken and Hywel Bennett. Ends at 5.40

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 9.00am One-Day International Cricket 11.00 Live World Team Cup Tennis 1.00 Live Refuge League Cricket 8.00 Italian Football 8.00 The Leyland DAF Cup Final 10.00 World Team Cup Tennis 12.00 The Leyland DAF Cup Final

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 7.00am Grand Prix Sailing 8.00 Pro Superbike 1991 8.30 US Pro Boxing 9.30 French Horse Racing 10.00 Volleyball 11.00 Ladies Pro Bowling 12.15pm Dutch Motor Sports 1.15 Spain Sport 1.30 French Rugby League 3.00 NHL Ice Hockey 5.00 Surfing 6.00 USA PGA Golf Tour 1991 8.00 Live Pro Box 10.00 Major League Baseball 12.00 Europa Cup of Bowling

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite. 12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain International Cuisine 3.05 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 Rocky Jones 4.25 Afternoon Cinema: The Invasion 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Jenny Costello (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: 1960, 1976 and 1988 2.30 Phillip Schofield: Going Live 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allan: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean: Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 11.00 Dennis Lotis: Radio 2 All-Time Greats 1.00pm The Emperor of Lancashire: Russell Davies visits the George Formby Society's Blackpool convention 2.00 Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 Max with Love (r) 4.30 Sing Something Simple (r) 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Radio 2 Young Musician 1991 (2 of 8) 7.30 Stuart Burrows Sings 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Angela Rippon 12.05am Bob Sinfield: Songs for Swinging Royalty. Songs about the famous and the infamous (5 of 8) 1.00 Geoff Oxley with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service 7.30 Sunday Edition, incl at 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 This Family Business, incl at 9.00, 10.00 News; Sport 10.30 Education Matters (r) 11.00 News and Sport; Festivals of Britain (r) 11.30 When in France: French customs and culture (r) 12.00 News and Sport; Open University, incl 1.00pm News; Sport 2.00 Sunday Sport with Jonathan Legard Golf: Third round of the Volvo PGA Championship; Cricket: Refuge Assurance League; Motorcycling: Round six of the 500cc World Championship from Hockenheim 6.00 Sunday Sport Report 7.20 Open University 9.00 Soundprint: Antarctica 9.30 Dragnet: The Big Housemaid 10.00 News; Sport 10.10-12.00 Across the Line, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.07am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am Short Story: One of My Own 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Review 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz for the Asking 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.50 Write On... 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music for a While 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Review 10.15 Short Story: One of My Own 10.30 Pop into the Movies, part four 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Science in Action 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm The Ken Bruce Show 1.01 Play of the Week: Dealing with Clair 2.00 Newshour 3.01 Mid-Life: A Time of Crisis? part two 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 5.14 Club 648 6.30 News and Features in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Review 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 In Praise of God 9.00 News 9.09 Folk in Britain 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Brain of Britain, part six 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Music for a While 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Review 12.15 Letter from America 12.30 Mid-Life: A Time of Crisis? part two 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Praise of God 2.01 The Thin Blue Line 2.45 The Havana International Guitar Festival 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Composer of the Month: George Gershwin 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Anything Goes 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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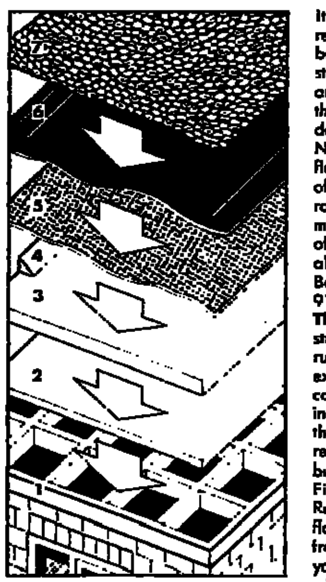

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Church enjoys a day at the races

By Craig Seton

BILLY Butt, the bookie, and his colleague at Towcester racecourse, have seen all sorts of punters in their time, but a bishop and several dozen vicars checking the starting prices were not the usual bookmakers' clientèle.

But there at the Northamptonshire track was the Rt. Rev. Bill Westwood, the Bishop of Peterborough, wearing his episcopal purple shirt, silver cross adorning his chest, a standard racegoers' trilby neatly cocked on his head as he studied the racing card for the runners in the Bishop of Peterborough Handicap.

Mingling elsewhere with the large crowd in the sunshine were 60 of his vicars, a third of the diocese's total, enjoying a day at the races that had nothing to do with an urgent need for money to repair their church roofs.

The clerics were putting aside their traditionally staid image to celebrate the 450th anniversary of the founding of the diocese in 1541 by Henry VIII, who set in hand its creation during a trip to the north with a retinue that included over 4,000 horses.

Bishop Westwood, who looked very much at home among the surprised punters, said: "I went around last year asking everybody for ideas about the celebrations and we even talked about a disco. We came here because this is a great horsey part of the world with people hunting and riding."

He accepted that some in the diocese might find it distasteful to see the clergy mingling with people betting on horses, but he added: "It is like drinking. It is objectionable only if people drink too much. I just enjoy life. I would be worried, though, if my colleagues started putting down half their stipend to back the horses."

The bishop did have a flutter, but the £2 he put on Electric Dancer, in the first race, was lost when it came ninth.

Elsewhere on the course some of his vicars were enjoying more success with the bookies.

The Rev Simon Godfrey, vicar of All Saints, Northampton, who is a keen racegoer, enthusiastically cheered home two winners he bet on and won £12. The vicar, without his dog-collar, was attired like a true racegoer. He said: "The racing fraternity are great fun and enjoy life, and the church certainly sanctions the enjoyment of life." Perhaps they were in the wrong place. At Sedgefield races yesterday a horse called Heavenly Hoofer was running. It came third.

PAUL HOWARD

Holy orders: Bishop Bill Westwood of Peterborough places his bet with a bookmaker yesterday at Towcester races, but his horse lost

Biggest airlift to rescue Jews in Ethiopia

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is to be reduced. As the airport was sealed off yesterday, rumours spread quickly that foreign troops had landed. Busloads of Falashas was reported speeding through government checkpoints to the airport. The number of Israelis who came in to organise the operation was not known.

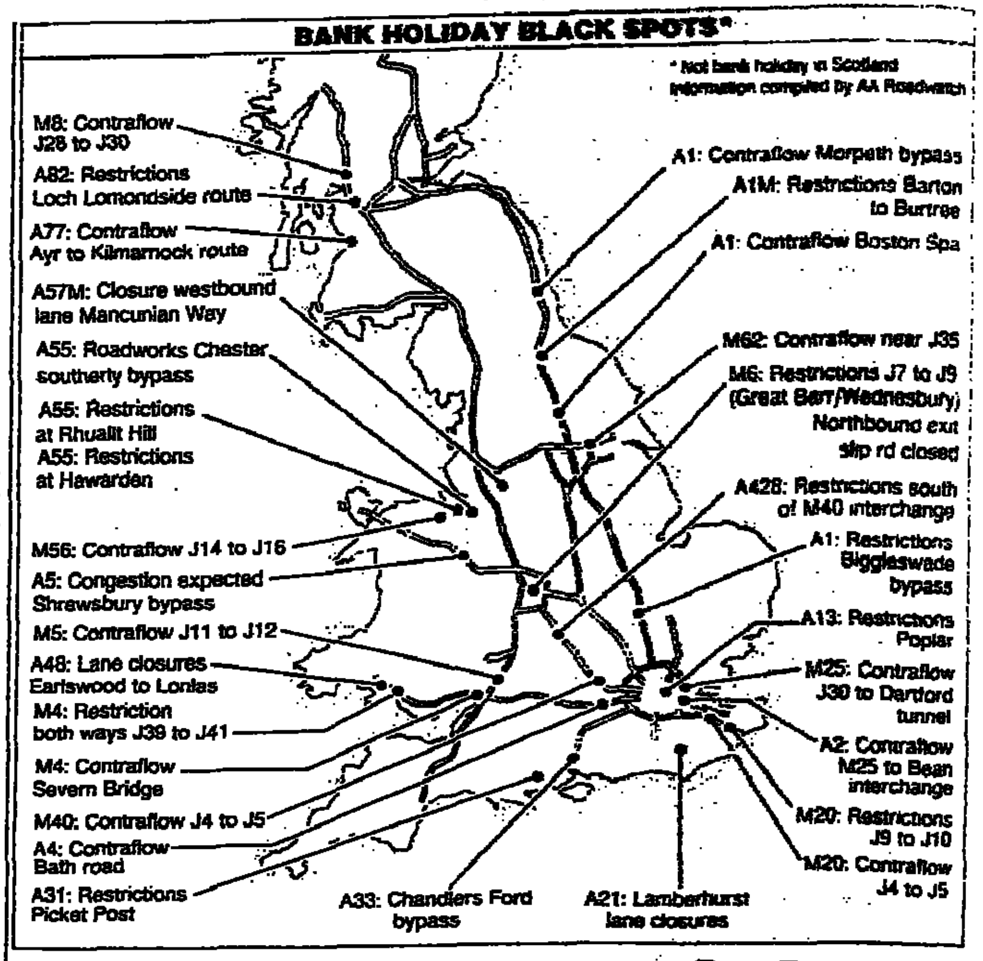
In the north of the country, Eritrean rebels were reported to have entered Asmara, the provincial capital, and fierce fighting was still going on.

The operation to airlift the 16,000 Falashas is one of the biggest ever mounted, and the intention is to move everyone within two days. The Falashas have been camped near the Israeli embassy, waiting for the chance to leave. They have been receiving a weekly allowance from the embassy.

In 1984, Operation Moses airlifted about 12,000 Ethiopian Jews through Sudan and Brussels in great secrecy. The subsequent disclosure of the airlift embarrassed the governments in Khartoum and Addis Ababa, which tried then to prevent any more from leaving. Since 1984 some 20,000 Falashas, Jews who follow the Talmudic tradition but speak a non-Semitic language, have left the country settled by their migrant ancestors around 300BC.

Israel has forbidden the reporting of almost all events in Ethiopia in recent months, fuelling speculation that the second big airlift was about to begin. Simcha Dinitz, head of the Jewish Agency, called last month on the government absorbtion agencies to prepare for a massive influx of Jews from Ethiopia.

Israel has been seeking permission for a new airlift, and earlier this year ruled out a unilateral operation. But it was clear that the Israeli government would not stand by if the Ethiopian civil war threatened the safety of the Falashas.


BANK HOLIDAY BLACK SPOTS*
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Information compiled by AA Roadwatch
M8: Contraflow J28 to J30
A82: Restrictions Loch Lomondside route
A77: Contraflow Ayr to Kilmarnock route
A57M: Closure westbound lane Mancunian Way
A55: Roadworks Chester southerly bypass
A55: Restrictions at Rhuallt Hill
A55: Restrictions at Hawarden
M56: Contraflow J14 to J16
A5: Congestion expected Shrewsbury bypass
M5: Contraflow J11 to J12
A48: Lane closures Earlswood to Lonlas
M4: Restriction both ways J39 to J41
M4: Contraflow Severn Bridge
M40: Contraflow J4 to J5
A4: Contraflow Bath road
A31: Restrictions Picket Post
A33: Chandlers Ford bypass
A21: Lamberhurst lane closures
A1: Contraflow Morpeth bypass
A1M: Restrictions Barton to Burtree
A1: Contraflow Boston Spa
M62: Contraflow near J35
M6: Restrictions J7 to J9 (Great Barr/Wednesbury) Northbound exit slip rd closed
A428: Restrictions south of M40 interchange
A1: Restrictions Biggleswade bypass
A13: Restrictions Poplar
M25: Contraflow J30 to Dartford tunnel
A2: Contraflow M25 to Bean interchange
M20: Restrictions J9 to J10
M20: Contraflow J4 to J5

Bank holiday road chaos

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a 15-mile tailback. "Most people set out about lunchtime thinking they would beat the rush. Instead they just postponed it," an RAC spokesman said.

There were seven-mile jams both north and southbound through the Dartford tunnel, and three-hour delays built up on both approaches to the Severn bridge on the M4. Traffic on the M25 was heavy in Kent, Essex and Surrey, while there were jams on the A33 Winchester by-pass during the afternoon. A spokesman for Hampshire police said congestion in the New Forest area had been particularly bad.

Heathrow and the major regional airports were reported busy with most flights leaving on time. A dispute by airline staff and other transport workers in Spain forced Iberia, the national carrier, to cancel a number of flights from Heathrow but most passengers were diverted on to other flights.

An airports authority spokesman said that the most popular bank holiday destinations were France, Spain and Italy. "People are doing what they usually do at this time of year and heading for the sunspots."

Forecasters predicted yesterday that the bank holiday weekend would be bright for most of the country with temperatures around 23C (75F). The east coast would be cloudy, with the possibility of persistent drizzle. Prospects for Monday are similar: bright in western and central areas, overcast with showers in the East.

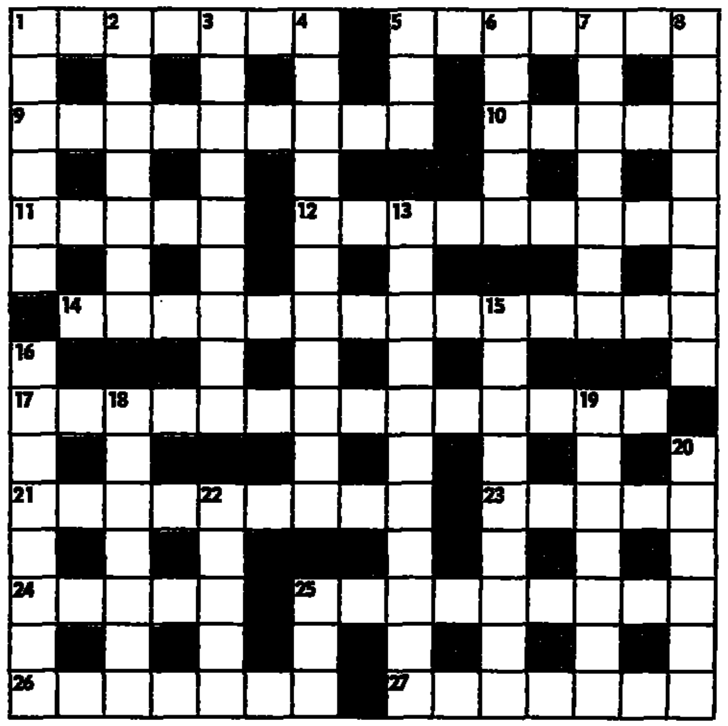
The motoring organisations advised returning holidaymakers to leave for home early on Monday. "Make a start at breakfast time if you have some distance to travel, or face the consequences," the RAC said. A spokeswoman warned that there could be severe congestion on all main routes into London, and on roads around theme and safari parks. Major road works will start on Monday on the M6 elevated section between junctions seven and eight at Bescot, near Birmingham, adding to the congestion.

MONDAY IN THE TIMES

Dereliction of beauty: The Round House is rotting, Battersea Power Station lies empty, St Pancras station will soon be abandoned — what to do with a distinguished building when its function comes to an end? Fuelled by talk that his alma mater, the London School of Economics, is to move into County Hall, Bernard Levin ponders the fate of our architectural dinosaurs

Move on or move out: The prime minister wants higher education for one child in three. But the headmaster of Eton College says he is giving sixth-formers a stingy choice

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,615



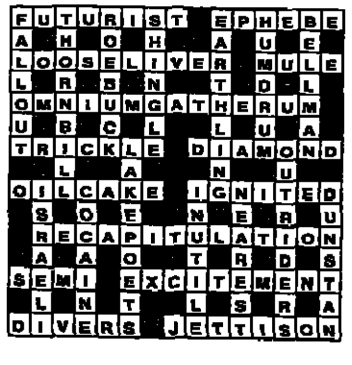
ACROSS

1 Occur daily, early (7).
5 Foreign money is collected for saint . . . (7).
9 . . . . and a little more before meeting at headquarters (9).
10 Unearthed tough material? Just the reverse (5).
11 European city, for example, appearing in fiction (5).
12 Distortion of law, this, or political stunt (4,5).
14 Dye material worker got for standard-bearer (6,8).
17 Special agent is on visit to make enquiries (14).
21 Footwear, very old and damaged (9).
23 Keen to show this (5).
24 Not fit, girl needs physical training (5).
25 Bishop and I have changed our ways (9).
26 French composer they disheartened, in jaded state (7).
27 Restyle in a way that's avoiding unnecessary detail (7).

DOWN

1 Call for peace to take the wind out of one's sails (6).
2 Fruitful result of having to include financial backer (7).
3 National hero upset America about nothing very awful (9).
4 Without waiting? That's showing no concern for others (4-7).
5 Youngsters are too hot (3).
6 Allow notice in front of US university (5).
7 Shavian drama performed in miraculous scene (7).
8 Thus artist initially takes yearly fellowship (8).
13 It's obvious what a speaker's lips do (4-3-4).
15 Check physical punishment (5-4).
16 Unromantic headmistress said to let opportunity slip (4,4).
18 TV broadcast with brain that's pulsating (7).
19 Offensive public talk about an honour (7).
20 A very loud boy producing disturbance (6).
22 One of those taught in institute? Evidently (5).
25 Section of plane tree (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,614



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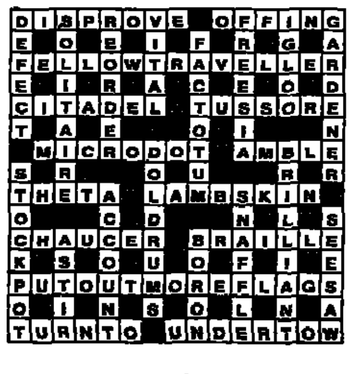

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Name/Address..

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PETCOCK
a. A fighting bantam
b. A sulk
c. A draining faucet

HEMIPYGIC
a. Having only one buttock
b. A right-angled gable
c. Divination by pig's entrails

NACHUS
a. Mexican hors d'oeuvre
b. A false prophet
c. Vicarious pride

PICAYUNE
a. The American pistachio
b. A picador's footman
c. Trivial, paltry

Answers on page 15

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 8.59 pm to 4.55 am
Bristol 9.09 pm to 5.05 am
Edinburgh 9.36 pm to 4.43 am
Manchester 9.18 pm to 4.54 am
Penzance 9.15 pm to 5.23 am

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: K Hopkins, Myrtle Ave, Peterborough; R F A Horsfield, Abberton Road, Fingringhoe, Colchester; M A Millard, The Highway, Sutton; E M McDowell, Alkerton, Eastington, Stonehouse, Gloucs; B Oldhams, Ferndene, Salford, Milton Keynes.

The Jumbo prize crossword with concise clues is on page 16

WEATHER

Mist or patchy fog will soon clear to give many areas a dry day with some sunshine, the best of this in places sheltered from the north to northwesterly breeze. Southeast England may have light showers later. North or west facing coasts, especially in Scotland and Northern Ireland and around the Irish Sea, may later become misty at times with patchy fog and drizzle. Outlook: mainly dry with some sunshine.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	20	68	f	Majorca	26	79	s
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Malaga	24	75	s
Amst'dm	13	55	s	Malta	21	70	s
Athens	19	66	f	Melb'rne	18	64	c
Barbads*	31	88	f	Mexico C*	27	81	s
Barcelna	21	70	s	Miami*	30	86	c
Belgrade	13	55	c	Milan	17	63	c
Bermuda*	25	77	s	Montreal*	23	73	c
Biarritz	18	64	s	Moscow	15	59	c
Borde'x	21	70	s	Naples	20	68	c
Brussels	13	55	f	N Delhi	40	104	s
Cairo	29	84	s	N York*	22	72	s
Cape Tn	13	55	r	Nice	21	70	s
C'blanca	28	82	f	Oslo	13	55	f
Cologne	12	54	f	Paris	16	61	s
C'phagn	13	55	f	Perth	17	63	s
Corfu	20	68	f	Prague	11	52	f
Dublin	20	68	s	Rhodes	21	70	f
Dubrovnik	9	48	c	Rio de J	26	79	f
Faro	24	75	f	Rome	17	63	f
Florence	20	68	s	S F'risco*	16	61	s
Frankfurt	12	54	c	S Paulo*	22	72	f
Funchal	25	77	s	St'kholm	9	48	f
Geneva	16	61	s	Sydney	17	63	c
Gibraltar	20	68	s	Tangier	28	82	s
Helsinki	12	54	c	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Hong K	30	86	c	Tenerife	22	72	s
Innsbrck	8	46	c	Tokyo	21	70	s
Istanbul	20	68	f	Toronto*	28	82	s
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Tunis	28	82	s
L Palmas	22	72	s	Valencia	24	75	s
Lisbon	28	82	s	Vanc'ver*	14	57	f
Locarno	23	73	s	Venice	17	63	f
L Angels*	16	61	c	Vienna	9	48	f
Luxembg	13	55	f	Warsaw	10	50	f
Luxor	35	95	s	Wash'ton*	32	90	s
Madrid	24	75	s	Zurich	13	55	f

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Canada $	2.068	1.945
Denmark Kr	11.87	11.17
Finland Mkk	7.41	6.96
France Fr	10.47	9.82
Germany Dm	3.09	2.89
Greece Dr	335.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	14.05	13.05
Ireland Pt	1.155	1.085
Italy Lira	2310.00	2160.00
Japan Yen	256.00	238.00
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.26
Norway Kr	12.05	11.35
Portugal Esc	270.00	252.00
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.95
Spain Pta	191.25	178.25
Sweden Kr	11.15	10.45
Switzerland Fr	2.625	2.455
Turkey Lira	7550.00	6750.00
USA $	1.82	1.70
Yugoslavia Dnr	51.00	32.00

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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	11.7	-	15	59	sunny
Anglesey	3.0	-	19	66	bright
Aviemore	5.6	-	17	63	bright
Belfast	1.5	-	19	66	cloudy
Birmingham	1.3	-	17	63	shower
Blackpool	3.8	-	15	59	rain
Bristol	5.2	-	20	68	sunny
Buxton	1.9	-	16	61	bright
Cardiff	4.4	-	19	66	sunny
Colwyn Bay	3.2	.02	15	59	rain
Douglas	0.2	-	16	61	cloudy
Edinburgh	4.5	-	17	63	bright
Kinloss	14.8	-	16	61	sunny
Leeds	4.8	-	19	66	bright
Lerwick	6.6	-	11	52	shower
Littlehampton	2.6	-	19	66	cloudy
Lowestoft	9.7	-	14	57	sunny
Minehead	12.1	-	21	70	sunny
Morecambe	2.8	-	16	61	bright
Nottingham	2.2	-	17	63	bright
Prestwick	0.3	.02	13	55	rain
Scarborough	13.4	-	12	54	sunny
Shanklin	9.3	-	19	66	bright
Stornoway	1.4	-	12	54	drizzle
Teignmouth	8.6	-	19	66	sunny
Tenby	13.2	-	21	70	sunny
Wick	9.1	-	12	54	sunny

These are Thursday's figures

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner hebrides, 0.14 in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, Grampian, 14.8 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.9 hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.7 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.04	6.4	12.42	6.7
Aberdeen			12.09	3.7
Cardiff	5.25	10.7	5.54	10.8
Devonport	4.05	4.9	4.39	4.9
Glasgow	11.11	4.3		
Hull	5.02	6.5	5.10	6.7
Ilfracombe	4.28	8.0	4.58	8.0
Liverpool	9.53	8.3	10.19	8.4
Lowestoft	8.28	2.2	8.18	2.3
Newquay	3.41	6.1	4.07	6.1
Oban	4.35	3.3	5.02	3.3
Shoreham	9.57	5.3	10.18	5.7
Tees	2.06	4.7	2.20	4.8

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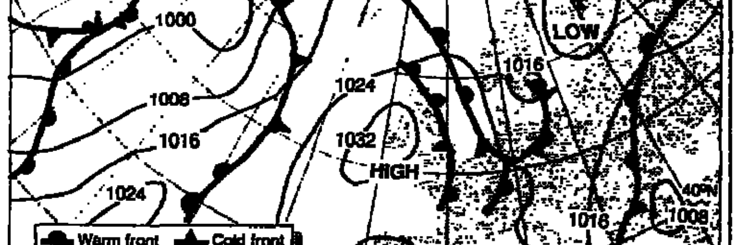
NOON TODAY



TODAY			TOMORROW		
	Sun rises: 4.56 am	Sun sets: 8.59 pm		Sun rises: 4.55 am	Sun sets: 9.01 pm
Full moon May 28	Moon sets: 3.01 am	Moon rises: 6.17 pm	Full moon May 28	Moon sets: 3.21 am	Moon rises: 7.30 pm

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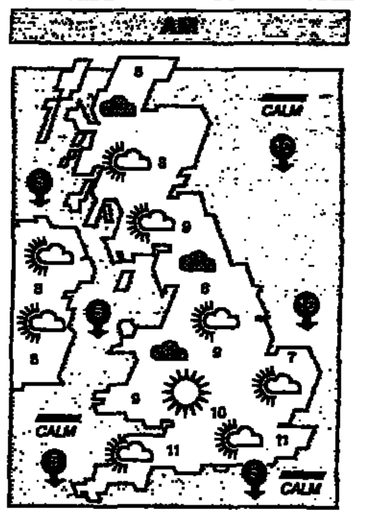

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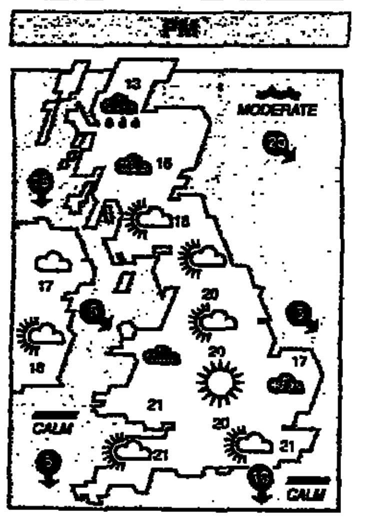

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SATURDAY MAY 25 1991

Business Editor
John Bell

MONEY

Plastic's silver lining

CREDIT cards arrived in Britain 25 years ago next month, but for most of this time cards have charged roughly double the bank base rate for credit.

Card issuers argue that big spenders cost them money because they have to foot the bill for borrowing the money to lend on and for administration during the 56-day interest free period.

Card fraud has jumped dramatically over the last year. Barclaycard reported a 50 per cent jump in fraud to £26 million last year. For every £100 spent on a credit card, 20p is lost........ Page 31

Sweet talker

Neil Shaw, the chairman of Tate & Lyle, is the best advertisement for his own product. He loves sugar and does not stint on chocolate bars, puddings or sugar in tea. He talks to Gillian Bowditch Page 27

Date change

Thousands of Barclaycard customers could incur interest unintentionally over the next few weeks because their payment dates have been moved forward by up to a week........ Page 31

Growth trusts

Investors should consider putting money into recovery trusts to make the most of an economic upturn. They perform badly before and during a recession and well coming out of it........ Page 32

Small claims

People could be deterred from going to the small claims court when the limit rises from £500 to £1,000 in July, consumers groups and specialist lawyers say........ Page 33

Loan abuses

The Office of Fair Trading will crack down on any abuses on mortgage packages that require borrowers to take out household or life assurance to qualify for discounts or fixed rates........ Page 34

Your letters

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French veto

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Lowest rate since 1988

Mortgages fall another half point

By Lindsay Cook and Colin Narbrough

MORTGAGE interest rates have been cut for the third time this year. The cut of 0.5 per cent to 12.45 per cent, in most cases, takes place immediately for new borrowers, while the majority of existing borrowers will have to wait until July 1.

The cuts follow a half-point reduction in bank base rates to 11.5 per cent yesterday morning, the fifth cut since mid-February, and a substantial fall from the 15 per cent prevailing before the pound joined the exchange-rate mechanism last October.

The government's scope for lowering interest rates further before a possible autumn election now appears very limited.

Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender, led the way in cutting to the lowest mortgage rate since September 1988. The move will reduce payments on a £60,000 endowment loan by £21.88 a month and a repayment loan of the same amount by £19.28.

The cut will also allow the Halifax's 1.3 million borrowers who have their payments adjusted once a year under its annual review scheme to apply to have them changed now. The payments were last set in February, when base mortgage rates were 14.5 per cent, and implemented in April. The society decided two weeks ago that with the next downward move in mortgage rates, borrowers would be able to have payments adjusted. Those with £60,000 mortgages could have their payments cut by about £90 a month if they have an endowment loan and £80 if they have a repayment one.

The scheme usually requires mortgage rates to move 3 per cent during the year for borrowers to have their payments changed.

Annual review borrowers who want to change their payments should visit their branches. This week, John MacGregor, the leader of the House of Commons, told societies at their annual conference that they should allow annual review customers to pay lower mortgage rates this summer and should publicise the fact.

The 400,000 Nationwide borrowers on annual review have received the benefit of the society's May 17 cut to 12.95 per cent. They will not, however, have their rates cut again on July 1, when the Nationwide mortgage rate falls to 12.25 per cent. This cut was announced two weeks ago in an effort to stimulate the housing market during the peak housebuying season.

Abbey National cut its base mortgage rate for new borrowers 0.5 per cent to 12.35 per cent immediately and for existing borrowers from June 26. Loans of more than £60,000 are cut to 11.65 per cent and above £100,000 to 11.45 per cent. The second largest lender increased its first-time buyer discount 0.25 per cent to 1.5 per cent. This means first-time buyers borrowing more than £100,000 will pay 9.95 per cent until the end of June next year.

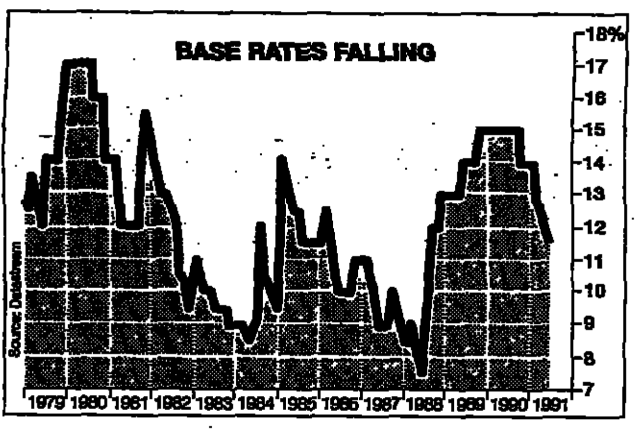
John Bayliss, Abbey's managing director, said: "We are not expecting another half per cent reduction for some time and have therefore taken this opportunity to take the full half per cent of the bank base rate cut off the mortgage rate."

The Leeds Permanent cut its rate to 12.45 per cent for new and existing borrowers from July. First-time buyers can get a 1 per cent discount for the first year and loans of more than £50,000 will cost 11.8 per cent.

Having linked the reduction of interest rates to success in beating inflation, the government should have leeway in the next three months to pare base rates further. Underlying inflation, on which the Bank of England has repeatedly focused attention, has, however, proved stubborn.

Although the international interest rate backdrop has become more favourable for lowering British rates, the authorities' cautious series of half-point cuts cannot continue much below 10 per cent, City economists say.

Robert Lind, economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the lack of improvement in underlying inflation justifies only one more half-point cut this year, probably in August. He sees the Conservatives' poor showing in the opinion polls and a likely strengthening of the mark placing the bottom for British base rates at 11 per cent.



Lenders limit surveyors to stop valuation fraud

By Sara McConnell

MORTGAGE lenders are tightening up on their property valuation panels to prevent fraudulent valuations and, in some cases, are refusing to accept survey reports commissioned by borrowers

One society, the Skipton, says 90 per cent of all its mortgage frauds stem from fraudulent valuations. Along with other societies, including the Halifax, the largest mortgage lender, it has reduced the size of its valuers' panel.

Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the Office of Fair Trading, however, opposes the moves. He warned lenders at their annual conference in Glasgow this week that he would use his powers to prevent lenders restricting the supply of valuers.

He said: "I am unhappy that a trend now seems to be developing where a borrower seeking a survey, even if only a housebuyers' report, finds that he has to pay for a valuation report as well because the lender will not accept one from a highly qualified and experienced valuer and surveyor who is not on the lender's panel."

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) said lenders had cut down on their panels in the last few months because of the combined problems of mortgage fraud and administering large panels.

It said the trend was worrying because borrowers would not pay for the extra security of a housebuyer's report if lenders insisted on carrying out their own valuation as well.

Overvaluations came to light as house prices started to fall.

Mark Boléat, director general of the Building Societies Association, said: "Fraud is an old crime but in a rising property market it goes unnoticed. If you say a £120,000 house is worth £140,000, it can be sold for £150,000 and no-one loses. It only comes to light in a falling market."

The Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) has advised its members to check that valuers have professional indemnity insurance. Members of RICS have to have professional indemnity insurance but membership is not compulsory. Ms Hirst said many sole practitioners are not covered because they cannot insure themselves against their own fraud.

Mr Boléat claimed that many lenders are now refusing to use valuers or solicitors who are sole traders.

Richard Payne, chairman of the CML's mortgage fraud prevention committee, said: "We are retrenching. We are now using only nationwide chains or people we know."

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CBI industrial trends survey

Biggest brake on prices for 24 years

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE ability of companies to increase their prices is now at its lowest for almost a quarter of a century, the Confederation of British Industry said, suggesting the government could cut interest rates further without being inflationary.

But on the basis of its latest monthly *Industrial Trends* survey, published yesterday, the CBI said there were as yet no signs of any recovery in the economy.

The CBI's monthly trends enquiry for May presented little economic good news for the government, with orders and especially output falling sharply. Carried out among 1,259 companies between April 30 and May 15, the survey acts as an industrial and economic barometer between the CBI's authoritative and large-scale quarterly *Industrial Trends* surveys.

The pessimistic picture painted by this survey, when taken with some signs of renewing optimism and even orders in some other recent CBI findings, indicates the difficulty of accurately tracking turning points in the economic cycle.

But the CBI's survey figures on factory-gate prices contrast sharply with recent official government statistics. On balance, companies do not expect to raise prices at all over the next four months. With 14 per cent forecasting an increase in prices and the same number a decline, and 71 per cent thinking they will stay the same, this zero balance is the lowest figure since February 1967. Big companies expect to cut prices.

CBI economists said this rate suggests an annualised figure for price rises of 2.5 per cent. By comparison, the latest official price statistics showed a rise in the year to April of 6.4 per cent. The CBI believes its results reflect more accurately discounting by companies, and produced data to show similar discrepancies in government figures during the recession of the early Eighties, after which official statistics had to be corrected. David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI's economic situation committee, said: "The survey indicates that factory-gate inflation is clearly on a downward trend," and CBI analysts added "there appears to be little, if any, risk of rekindling inflation by cutting interest rates in the present climate."

Orders deteriorated significantly during May, the CBI survey showed. Only 5 per cent of companies described their order books as above normal, with 66 per cent below normal. This balance of minus 61 per cent is a marked weakening of order books from minus 55 per cent in April. Output is expected to weaken further in the next four months, with a balance of minus 18 per cent of companies showing a sharp drop from minus 8 per cent in April.

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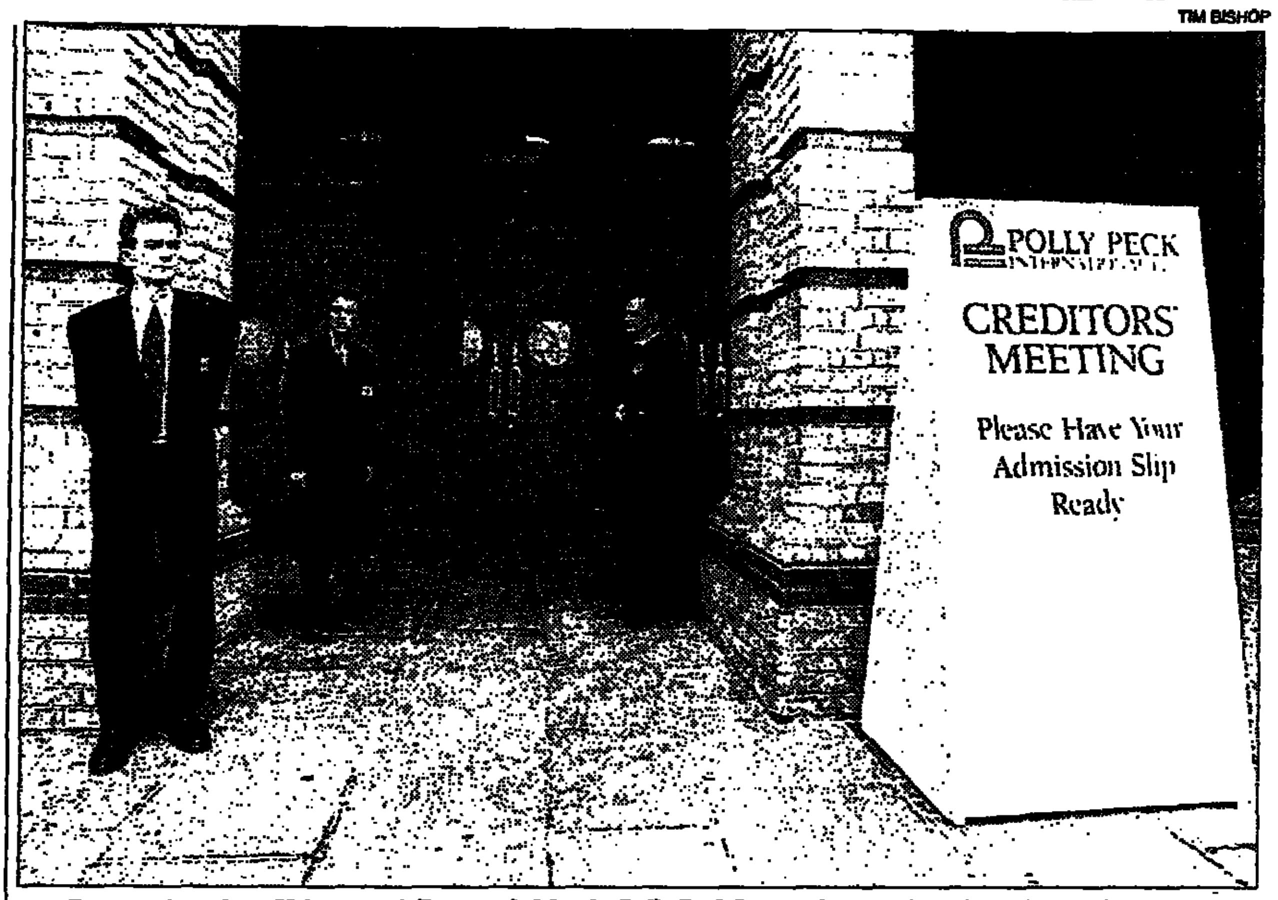

Room at the palace: Ushers specially seconded for the Polly Peck International creditors' meeting at Alexandra Palace yesterday wait forlornly outside for the 2,200 creditors expected to attend. In the event, few turned up

Polly Peck creditors back rescue

By Angela Mackay

CREDITORS of Polly Peck International, together owed more than £1.2 billion, have agreed to a restructuring plan devised by the company's administrators to extract maximum value from the collapsed fresh fruit, hotels and electronics group.

A crowd of about 2,200 was expected at the Alexandra Palace in North London. However, only about 800 out of possible 25,000 creditors made the journey.

Instead of demonstrations and bitter recriminations, Michael Jordan, Richard Stone and Christopher Morris, the three administrators, faced a handful of questions from concerned shareholders and bondholders in addition to some veiled warnings from representatives of the Greek-Cypriot community who are suing Polly Peck for wrongful use of their property in northern Cyprus after the Turks invaded the island 17 years ago. Shareholders were the most disgruntled members of the audience judging by the questions put to the administrators before the vote.

Their concern was magnified by Mr Jordan, who pointed out that they may not even have a valid claim as creditors. The 23,000 shareholders are owed £26 million of interim dividends. This may prove to be void because when the dividend was declared last September 3, the board must have been aware there were insufficient funds to pay it.

The vote to restructure was unanimous on a show of hands. Prior to the meeting, the administrators said they had received proxy votes in favour of the plan from creditors owed more than £33 million while proxies against represented less than £2,000.

Little fresh information was proffered, however. Mr Morris, of Touche Ross, who is in charge of investigating past actions of directors and advisers spoke of "serious reservations about the reliability and fairness of published accounts", "contradictory explanations" regarding the company's activities in Cyprus and Turkey, and queries about the transfer of company funds.

Since September 1987, there had been transfers of more than £300 million booked to Meyna, the fresh fruit business and Unipac, the packaging concern, in the Near East.

Moreover, in Polly Peck's consolidated accounts, Meyna's pre-tax profits in 1989 were £38 million, compared with just £1 million in Meyna's own accounts.

Mr Morris told of £95.3 million of funds that were transferred to Unipac in Jersey in 1989, then back to London and then on to a variety of Swiss accounts. Mr Morris said that Asil Nadir, the company's chairman, who faces charges of theft and false accounting estimated at £25 million, was the principal source of authority within the company for these transfers.

In April 1989, according to a board minute, Mr Nadir said he would not be responsible for the profitability of the Cypriot and Turkish companies unless he had personal control over fund movements.

Mr Nadir did not attend yesterday's meeting. The administrators said he would not play a role in the British company in the future but would be useful in unravelling the Near East operations. He has not drawn any salary since December but is still under contract to Polly Peck.

On the plus side, creditors could see some repayment within nine months, according to Mr Jordan. In an earlier report to creditors, he said he hoped to repay or refinance some £500 million of debt by the end of next year, but "this timescale could be reduced to six-nine months."

The restructuring plan is built around five core divisions of Polly Peck: PPI Del Monte, the fresh fruit operation; Sansui, the Japanese electronics group; Vestel, the Turkish electronics arm and the food and packaging and hotel and leisure divisions in Cyprus and Turkey.

The 15 members of the creditors' committee, from shareholders, banks, and bondholders will be named on Tuesday.

Cray makes hostile bid for SD-Scicon

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

CRAY Electronics has started a bitter battle in Britain's computer software business by making a hostile £110 million share offer for SD-Scicon, one of Britain's biggest software houses. Sir Peter Michael, Cray's chairman, said: "SD-Scicon has no management, no strategy and no profits."

John Jackson, who took over as SD-Scicon's non-executive chairman in March, quickly retorted: "We intend to show they are wrong on all three fronts. This is a ridiculously low bid that deserves to fail."

Cray has just recovered into profits after a management buy-in by Sir Peter and former colleagues from UEI, the group they built up and then sold to Carlton Communications for £500 million in 1989.

Sir Peter said the necessary changes at Cray were now in place. "We are builders and it is time to move on."

The much larger SD-Scicon, the product of a merger in 1987, registered a £20 million loss last year, after making provisions against fixed price systems contracts that had gone wrong, and has itself just undergone big management changes.

Sir Peter has already secured the irrevocable support of British Aerospace, which owns about 25 per cent of SD-Scicon's ordinary shares and has been known to be seeking a buyer.

Cray is offering 11 shares for every 20 SD-Scicon in a first and final offer. After a 3p fall in Cray to 73p, this values the SD-Scicon shares at 40p each. There is also a time-limited cash alternative, based on Cray shares being underwritten at 67.5p by Morgan Grenfell and SG Warburg Securities. There are also offers for SD-Scicon's preference and deferred shares.

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The final whistle?

"No one close to the club doubts that Irving Scholar is still calling all the shots," said one insider. "While he's got those shares, the rest of us have to dance to his tune. Nat Solomon and Brown Shipley don't know what day it is."

Business Focus on Spurs, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

New French government may veto deal with Japan

NEC finds Cresson a Bull terrier

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

EDITH Cresson, the French prime minister, is considering vetoing a deal, under which NEC, the Japanese electronics company, would take a 5 per cent stake in Groupe Bull, the loss-making French state-owned computer group.

The French government announced yesterday that it has launched an investigation into the company, particularly Bull's relationship with NEC and Honeywell, a Bull subsidiary.

Mme Cresson asked Bull to renegotiate the proposed deal with NEC on a different basis, and added she will re-examine the whole Bull file. The move came just a week after Mme Cresson took office and promises a more pronounced industrial policy and tougher stance by the French government on trade and the protection of France's domestic markets.

Bull has been hit by the sharp downturn that has faced every European computer maker.

Last year, the company made a Fr6.8 billion loss, which prompted the previous French government under Michel Rocard, former French prime minister, and Roger Fauroux, former industry minister, to consider generous cash subsidies.

These will include a Fr2.68 billion subsidy for research & development, and a Fr4 billion injection of new capital.

Mme Cresson's decision is likely to throw doubts over previous French government plans to allow foreign companies to participate as minority shareholders in French state companies.

This has been regarded as a means to increase the efficiency of the country's state-owned sector without outright privatisation. The best-known case of foreign minority shareholders is Volvo, which operates a cross-shareholding arrangement with Renault, the state-owned car group. A number of French and German banks are also planning similar tie-ups.

Over the last week, Mme Cresson has frequently said France and Europe must stand up the invasion by Japanese companies.

Her hard-line stance was yesterday attacked by Eiichi Nakao, Japan's minister for international trade, who said that it is France which is protectionist, not Japan.

His comments follow those of Mme Cresson last week when she said that the Japanese market was effectively closed to many western companies. Mr Nakao said France had strict import quotas on Japanese cars, while Japan imposed no limitations.

The negotiations between Bull and NEC concern a deal under which NEC will sell its 15 per cent stake in Bull HN, formerly Honeywell of the US, in return for a 5 per cent stake in the whole group.

Hard finer: Edith Cresson has lost no time in taking up the cause of French industry

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Deputy chairman of Beazer to leave

JOHN Matthews, the deputy chairman and deputy chief executive of Beazer, the construction group, is to leave the company. A spokeswoman for the company said that there would not be a role for Mr Matthews once Beazer's European business had been floated off. Beazer's plan to float off the European business, first announced last month, has met with considerable criticism.

Beazer, however, stressed that Mr Matthews supported the flotation and would be leaving by mutual consent. Mr Matthews was returning from an overseas business trip and was not available for comment. He joined Beazer's executive in December 1988, six months after Beazer had completed the purchase of Koppers, the American group. The flotation of Beazer Europe has been pencilled in for the autumn and will require shareholders' approval.

Donelon lifts profits 50%

DONELON Tyson, the building group in the Northwest, increased pre-tax profits from £2 million to £3 million last year. Earnings rose to 4.01p (3.45p). There is a single dividend of 1p a share (0.75p). The results cover the company's first full year since the merger of Tyson and the privately owned Donelon companies to form a broad-based construction group.

Brewer silent over bid talk

THE Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries declined to comment on reports that it was considering making an offer for J A Devenish, the public houses and restaurants concern. In six months to the end of March W&D increased taxable profits 14.2 per cent to £15.8 million and earnings 25.5 per cent to 17.2p a share. Interim dividend is 4.1p (3.7p). Tempus, page 28

GrandMet sells chain

GRAND Metropolitan is selling Wienerwald, its German restaurant business, for an undisclosed sum to the Wigast group, which operates the chain in Austria. The chicken restaurant chain was put up for sale in February. GrandMet says the terms of the transaction, which are not being released, are not material to its shareholder funds.

David Tagg, the GrandMet board director responsible for the retailing and property sector, said he was particularly pleased the purchaser was Wigast, which owns and operates the Wienerwald restaurants in Austria. "The coming together of two companies that share a brand and are historically part of the same organisation will give sounder prospects to all staff and franchise holders of Weiner in Germany."

Castings sees modest rise

PRE-TAX profits of Castings were affected by lower economic activity and reduced customer requirements and rose modestly to £4.11 million (£3.96 million) in the year ended March on a turnover of £23.7 million (£22.8 million). A final dividend of 2.52p (2.4p) makes 3.72p (3.5p). The company said the introduction of new plant had enabled it to obtain new orders.

Central TV falls to £19m

CENTRAL Television, whose application for a new ten-year franchise is unopposed, and who has a 20 per cent stake in the Meridian consortium bidding for licences in the South and Southeast of England, reported pre-tax profits of £19.2 million (£27 million) for the year ended December. A final dividend of 21p makes an unchanged 28.5p for the year. Tempus, page 28.

Funds given reprieve

TRADITIONAL broker funds, which were under threat from the Securities and Investments Board, have been reprieved. The board suggested last November that it was difficult to justify bonds that invest solely in the funds of one company. It now argues that the trade department has made it clear to insurance companies their responsibility for such bonds and that this will improve the quality of broker fund management.

Under the SIB policy statement, issued yesterday, brokers will have to make clear to clients what their role is, and tell them if they are to receive extra commission on a continuing basis. They will also be required to give investors information about their investment strategy.

Welsh to market factory

THE Thorn lighting factory in Merthyr Tydfil, which will close with a loss of 500 jobs, is to be marketed by the Welsh Development Agency. German and Japanese companies will be offered the premises in a bid to create jobs.

Habgood quits

Anthony Habgood has resigned as chief executive and director of Tootal Group, after the takeover last week by Coats Viyella for £252 million, the company said.

Thornton gains

GW Thornton Holdings, the specialist engineer, reported pre-tax profits in the six months ended March of £867,000 (£735,000). The dividend is 2.25p a share (2p).

In Shops grows

In Shops, the property specialist, has acquired OTSS and Centrex, two business centre operators, for an initial consideration of £500,000.

Hughes in talks

Hughes Food, the USM-listed fish processor, is in talks over a refinancing that would likely involve a share subscription.

Profits rise at Mazda and Mitsubishi but both face lean times

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

MITSUBISHI Motors and Mazda Motor overcame slowing demand in America and tougher competition at home to make higher profits in the last financial year, but, both companies said, it will be a different story in the current year.

Mitsubishi reported a 21 per cent leap in parent company profits for the year ending March and Mazda a 2 per cent gain. Mitsubishi expects a gain of less than 1 per cent for the next year and Mazda a 29 per cent drop. Mitsubishi's parent company profits reached 50 billion yen (£209 million) last year on sales of Y2,310 billion, up 14.2 per cent.

Mazda's profit was Y49 billion on sales of Y2,230 billion, up 9 per cent.

Kenny Hyman, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said: "Mazda invested heavily in new cars and sales channels. In the coming year, depreciation (on their investment) will kill their profits."

Mitsubishi will face the same hurdles. Higher depreciation, research and development costs and expected foreign exchange losses will lead to profits slowing. But the heavy investments have paid off. Mitsubishi, especially, did well, with its sales spearheaded by its Diamante luxury car introduced last May, analysts said.

"They came out with a barrage of new cars and it showed in their sales," Mr Hyman said.

Mitsubishi is planning little increase in its capital investments this year, having succeeded so resoundingly last year. Mazda on the other hand plans to continue expansion, although still on a smaller scale than its bigger rival.

The growth in investment, or lack of it, will be watched closely by the industry, analysts said, to see how it affects development of new cars.

Debenhams takes over Lewis's unit

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE Lewis's department store in Glasgow, part of the chain of stores which went into receivership in February, is to become a Debenhams store.

The Burton Group, which owns Debenhams, has acquired the lease of the store and will take possession in July. The store refit will be completed in September.

Five Lewis's stores, which have no connection with the John Lewis Partnership, were bought by Owen Owen, the Liverpool stores group, for about £10 million in March.

The Glasgow store, part of the St Enoch Shopping Centre whose landlords are Sears and The Church Commissioners for England, will be Debenham's 85th outlet and its fifth shop in Scotland.

Laurence Cooklin, chief executive of the Burton Group, said: "The store has recently undergone a major refurbishment programme and represents a very attractive opportunity for us to launch Debenhams in one of the top shopping centres in Scotland."

Cocom list expanded

Paris

THE Co-ordinating Committee on Multilateral Export Controls (Cocom), the West's trade watchdog on sensitive exports, has expanded the range of high-technology products that former communist countries can import from Western nations.

Cocom has agreed, at a meeting this week, to prune the list of items banned for export to more general categories. The new list, scheduled to come into force on September 1, replaces Cocom's previous list of 120 specifically restricted goods. "We agreed on a new core list of controls that I think meets well the objectives of building higher fences around fewer items," said Alan Wendt, the head of the American delegation to Cocom.

The new list of banned items includes electronic components, advanced materials, materials processing, telecommunications, sensors and lasers, navigation, avionics and aircraft technology, marine technology, computers and propulsion systems.

(Reuter)

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,730	CU	759	Lucas	967	Royal Ins	738
Alld-Lyons	2,098	Courtaulds	532	M&S	3,302	Sainsbury	1,025
Anglian	437	Enterprise	1,074	Maxwell Cm	117	Scot & N	1,480
ASDA	1,618	Eurotunnel	110	MEPC	1,097	Sears	1,247
AB Foods	148	Fisons	1,139	Midland	2,142	Severn Trnt	1,295
Argyll	1,687	Gen Acc	289	Natl Power	4,721	Shell	4,808
BAA	508	GEC	4,856	Nat West	1,501	Smith & N	4,242
BET	885	Glaxo	2,198	N W Water	1,367	SK Beech	712
BTR	1,632	Grand Met	978	P&O	508	Sun Allnce	889
BAT	1,774	GUS 'A'	492	Pearson	194	Tarmac	1,122
Barclays	1,514	GRE	2,504	Pilkington	2,038	Tate Lyle	293
Bass	1,015	Guinness	1,633	PowerGen	3,783	TSB	3,384
BICC	624	Hanson 'A'	37	Prudential	3,112	Tesco	1,977
Bk Scotlnd	1,988	Hanson	5,967	Racal	3,421	Thames Wtr	771
Blue Circle	2,651	H & C	978	Rk Hovis	723	Thorn EMI	98
BOC	1,571	Hawker	207	Rank	1,221	Trafalgar	4,588
Boots	1,341	Hillsdown	679	R&C	214	THF	1,242
Br Aero	1,937	ICI	1,431	Redland	812	Ultramar	314
Br Airways	1,458	Kingfisher	1,082	Reed	4,883	Unilever	1,258
Br Gas	4,954	Lasmo	2,092	Reuters	1,178	United Bis	677
Br Petrol	7,616	Ladbroke	916	RMC Gp	1,007	Wellcome	833
Br Steel	2,885	Land Sec	1,294	RTZ	2,676	Whitbrd	992
Br Telcdm	8,108	L&G	755	R-Royce	2,574	Wig Teape	853
C&W	1,684	Lloyds	2,303	Rothmn 'B'	117	Williams	778
Cadbury	1,021	Lonrho	1,711	Royal Bank	390	Willis Cor	544

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyons	500	58	78	88	8	12	19
(*544)	550	29	47	58	27	34	38
	600	9	25	37	62	65	70
ASDA	100	14	15	18	2½	4½	6
(*109)	110	6½	9	12	6	9	10½
	120	3	5	8½	12	16	17
Bass	929	70	102	-	13	23	-
(*976)	977	38	72	-	30	42	-
	1026	17	46	-	64	70	-
Boots	330	40	49	55	4½	7½	10½
(*368)	360	16	29	37	13	18½	21
	390	5	16	23	34	37	39
Br Airways	140	21	24	27	3½	6	8
(*161)	160	6½	13	16	11	15	18
	180	2	6½	8½	30	32	33
BP	300	28	35	40	4	7½	11
(*319)	330	10	18	24	16	22	25
	360	3	7½	12½	43	43	43
Br Steel	120	9	10	12½	6	7½	9
(*127)	130	3	5	7	12½	14½	16
	140	1¼	2¼	4	21½	22½	23
C & W	500	22	41	53	20	28	32
(*502)	550	7	18	32	55	60	65
	600	2	9	17	100	103	105
CU	460	40	48	59	6	15	18
(*488)	500	16	25	39	23	35	39
	550	2½	11	19	66	72	74
Courtauld	360	33	45	53	6	11½	14
(*387)	390	14	27	36	21	25	28
	420	4	16	23	42	44	48
GKN	330	26	32	40	9	17	20
(*343)	360	11	18	26	24	34	37
	390	3½	9	16	50	57	57
Grand Met.	750	52	73	90	14	25	34
(*777)	800	25	46	62	39	48	55
	850	9	26	40	77	83	88
ICI	1200	87	114	150	29	52	59
(*1240)	1250	58	87	122	50	75	80
	1300	36	67	97	82	105	104
Kingfisher	460	35	49	63	13	20	24
(*473)	500	15	28	40	35	40	44
	550	4	13	25	78	80	80
Ladbroke	260	17	25	32	9	15	18
(*264)	280	8½	16	22	22	26	28
	300	3½	9½	14	39	40	42
Land Sec	500	16	33	40	17	18	26
(*514)	550	2½	11	21	38	60	62
	600	1½	4	-	108	108	-
M & S	240	18	27	32	5½	8½	10
(*249)	260	7	14½	21	15½	17	20
	280	3	7½	12	34	34	34
Sainsbury	330	51	62	69	1½	4½	7½
(*373)	360	27	39	48	8	12	16
	390	9	21	29	22	26	29
Shell	460	50	60	67	5	12	12
(*502)	500	24	33	43	15	27	30
	550	6	11	23	56	57	58
Smkl Beech	750	56	80	98	11	20	26
(*790)	800	27	49	68	33	43	47
	850	10	29	45	70	75	77

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Storehse	100	5	9	-	7	9	-
(*99)	110	2½	5½	-	16	16	-
	120	1½	3½	5	23	24	26
Trafalgar	240	13	22	25	15	20	27
(*237)	260	6	13	17	30	33	40
	280	2	8½	10	50	50	55
Ultramar	300	18	27	37	9	16	18
(*303)	330	6	14	22	29	33	35
	360	2	5½	12	60	60	60
Unilever	650	97	117	-	2½	5	-
(*737)	700	55	77	90	7	14	20
	750	22	45	60	30	35	41
	800	7	24	38	68	69	75
Utd Bisc	330	41	50	56	2	7	9
(*363)	360	19	29	37	10	17	20
	390	6	15	23	30	35	37
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA	390	40	48	61	1½	7½	11
(*429)	420	11	29	41	3	20	23
	460	1	15	22	32	45	47
BAT Ind	600	95	100	107	1	5	11
(*692)	650	45	62	67	1	14	24
	700	6	34	40	12	35	47
	750	1	12	24	60	75	80
BTR	360	27	39	46	1	6	12
(*386)	390	3	20	27	10	20	26
	420	1	9	15	38	40	44
Br Aero	550	52	73	82	1	9	18
(*602)	600	10	40	50	9	26	38
	650	½	17	30	53	56	65
Br Telecm	330	50	56	60	½	3½	5½
(*378)	360	20	31	39	½	9½	12½
	390	1	12½	21	12	24	27
Cadbury	330	32	43	50	1	5½	9
(*360)	360	5	22	31	6	15	20
	390	1	9½	18	32	35	37
Guinness	850	88	115	132	1	7½	14
(*934)	900	38	77	97	1½	19	27
	950	6	45	66	20	39	47
GEC	180	16	20	22	½	4½	7
(*195)	200	1¼	6½	11½	6½	14½	18
	220	½	2½	5	26	32	33
Hanson	200	14	19½	26	1	4½	6½
(*213)	220		8½	14½	8	14	16
	240	½	3	7	27½	31	32
LASMO	330	5	20	32	10	19	25
(*325)	360	2½	12	21	38	40	45
	390	1	5	11	68	68	68
P & O	550	42	63	72	2	8½	19
(*588)	600	2½	31	42	15	31	42
	650	1	12	23	65	67	75
Pilkington	160	17	21	28	1	9	12
(*173)	180	1½	11	17	8	22	24
	200	½	5½	10½	27	37	36
Prudential	220	6	17	21	2	8½	13
(*224)	240	1	8	13	17	20	24
	260	1	3	7	37	38	39
Racal	200	27	33	41	½	5	7½
(*227)	220	9	19	27	2	12	16

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
	240	1	11	18	16	24	26
	260	½	6½	12	35	40	41
RTZ	460	59	74	81	1	4	9
(*516)	500	20	43	53	1	14	21
	550	1	17	28	36	40	47
	600	1	5½	13	86	86	90
Scot New	330	59	64	-	1	2½	-
(*386)	360	29	37	45	1	9	12
	390	2½	19	28	5½	23	25
	420	1	8	15	37	45	47
Tesco	253	30	37	-	1½	3	-
(*280)	280	3½	19	24	2½	9½	12
	300	1	8½	14	21	22	24
Thames W.	280	28	34	36	1	6½	11
(*307)	300	9	18	21	2	15	20
	330	1	6	11	26	37	41
Lucas	140	16	23	26	1	4½	7
(*155)	160	2	10	15	7	12	17
	180	½	4½	7	27	27	29
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Fisons	420	59	74	84	3	6½	9
(*478)	460	28	45	56	12	17	21
	500	9	25	36	36	39	41
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat.	240	42	46	52	1	2½	4
(*278)	260	22	29	37	2	6½	8½
	280	8	16½	25	9	15	18
Amstrad	60	7	10½	13	2	4½	5½
(*64)	70	2	6	8	6½	9½	11
	80		3	4	17	17	18
Barclays	420	26	37	50	7	19	24
(*432)	460	6	17	30	33	42	45
	500	1½	6½	15	68	75	75
Blue Circ	240	11½	24	28	7½	14	17
(*242)	260	4	15	19	21	27	29
	280	1½	6	13	39	42	46
Br Gas	220	27	28	32	1½	6	7
(*242)	240	9	13	20	5	14	15
	260	2½	5½	12	20	28	29
Dixons	180	24	29	35	2	6	8
(*201)	200	9½	16½	22	7	14	17
	220	3	9	-	21	27	-
Glaxo	1050	102	-	155	4½	-	27
(*1159)	1100	62	-	122	14	-	45
	1150	30	-	92	35	-	67
Hawker	500	70	92	102	3½	11½	18
(*560)	550	29	57	72	14	28	36
	600	9	32	47	45	55	62
Hillsdown	220	11	20	26	7	13	14
(*220)	240	3	10½	16	22	23	27
	260	1	5½	9½	41	41	43
Lonrho	240	15	21	28	4	11	12
(*249)	260	5	11	17	15	22	24
	280	1½	5	11	33	38	39
Midland	180	37	40	46	1	4	6
(*213)	200	18	25	33	3½	9	13
	220	7	16	25	15	20	22

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
	240	1½	8	16	31	35	35
Reuter	750	125	145	178	3	13	18
(*861)	800	72	108	134	6	23	33
	850	38	73	103	22	44	52
R-Royce	140	14	19	22	2	6	7
(*151)	160	3	8	11	13	15	18
	180	1	5½	5½	31	32	33
Sears	80	5	8½	10	4	5	6
(*81)	90	1½	4	6	10	11	12
	100	½	1½	3	20	20	20
THF	240	33	40	44	1½	3½	6
(*269)	260	15	25	31	5	7½	12
	280	5½	14	20	14	18	22
Thorn EMI	650	70	74	85	2	17	24
(*715)	700	30	40	52	13	38	45
	750	9	19	32	44	72	75
	800	2	9	-	93	114	-
TSB	130	25	27	-	1	1½	-
(*153)	140	15	18	22	1½	3½	5
	160	2½	6½	10	9½	14	15
Vaal Reefs	60	5½	8½	11½	3½	7	9
(*$62)	70	2	5	-	10	12½	-
Wellcome	500	102	120	132	1½	8	13
(*597)	550	55	82	97	6	18	26
	600	23	50	69	25	40	48
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elec	160	35	38	40	½	2½	4½
(*194)	180	15	20	22	1	7½	11
	200	3	9½	13	6½	18	20
Sthn Elec.	160	56	-	-	½	-	-
(*215)	180	36	-	-	½	-	-
	200	16	-	-	1½	-	-
Elec Park.	1800	450	-	-	20	-	-
(*£2205)	1850	400	-	-	20	-	-
	1900	350	-	-	20	-	-
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Nat Power.	130	13	16	19	2	7	8½
(*141)	140	7½	9½	14	5	12	13
	160	1½	4	7½	21	27	28

FT-SE INDEX (*£2469)

	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls						
May	121	72	27	5	1	½
Jun	140	97	63	34	17	10
Jul	156	110	88	58	35	23
Aug	176	138	109	77	55	35
Dec	—	225	—	160	—	112
Puts						
May	1½	3½	11	41	90	142
Jun	15	24	40	65	101	143
Jul	27	40	53	77	110	152
Aug	34	46	66	90	119	156
Dec	—	85	—	125	—	184

May 24, 1991 Total: 22066 Calls 14696 Puts 7370 FT-SE: Calls 2149 Puts 3120

*Underlying security price.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7300 (–0.0070)
German mark
2.9566 (–0.0173)
Exchange index
91.8 (–0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1932.5 (–12.9)
FT-SE 100
2471.1 (–11.7)
New York Dow Jones
2916.82 (+16.78)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25529.14 (–114.51)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11½-11$^{7}{}_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 10$^{31}{}_{32}$-10⅞%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.40-5.38%*
30-year bonds 97⅝-97$^{28}{}_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7300	£: $1.7312*
£: DM2.9566	$: DM1.7085*
£: SwFr2.5154	$: SwFr1.4543*
£: FFr10.0600	$: FFr5.8055*
£: Yen239.35	$: Yen138.40*
£: Index:91.8	$: Index:65.9
ECU £0.693755	SDR £0.778995
£: ECU1.441431	£: SDR1.283705

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $355.50 pm-$355.80
close $355.75-356.25 (£205.40-205.90)
New York:
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* Denotes latest trading price

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Interim Financial Statement (Unaudited) for the six months ended 30 April 1991.

	Six months ended 30 April 1991	Six months ended 30 April 1990
Revenue after Loan Interest	£220,064	£195,912
Net available for Dividend	£141,685	£121,698
Dividend cost	£105,871	£96,246
Dividend Per Income Share	3.30p	3.00p
Net Assets at Valuation	£3,525,313	£3,534,626
Net Asset Value		
per Income Share	43.35p	42.90p
per Capital Share	13.31p	13.45p

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Cray Electronics Holdings P.L.C.
to acquire the Ordinary shares of 5p each,
the 6.5 per cent. Convertible Cumulative Redeemable
Preference shares of £1 each
and the Convertible Deferred shares of 5p each in SD-Scicon plc

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited ("Morgan Grenfell") announces on behalf of Cray Electronics Holdings P.L.C. ("Cray") that, by means of a formal Offer document dated 24th May, 1991 (the "Offer document"), Morgan Grenfell has made offers (the "Offers") on behalf of Cray to acquire all the existing unconditionally allotted or issued and fully paid Ordinary shares of 5p each, the 6.5 per cent. convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares of £1 each and the convertible deferred shares of 5p each, in SD-Scicon plc ("SD-Scicon") and any further such shares which are unconditionally allotted or issued after the date hereof and before the date on which the Offers close (or such earlier date as Cray may decide). Terms defined in the Offer document have the same meanings in this advertisement.

The Offers are made on the following basis:

The Ordinary Offer

For every twenty SD-Scicon Ordinary shares	**eleven new Cray Ordinary shares**

and so in proportion for any other number of SD-Scicon Ordinary shares.

The Preference Offer

For each SD-Scicon Convertible Preference share	**one new Cray Convertible Preference share**

and so in proportion for any other number of SD-Scicon Preference shares.

The Deferred Offer

For every twenty SD-Scicon Deferred shares	**1.65 new Cray Ordinary shares**

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For each SD-Scicon Deferred share	**5.569p in cash**

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24th May, 1991

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Ambassador who sweet-talks for sugar

BUSINESS PROFILE

By Gillian Bowditch

Neil Shaw

The chairman of Tate & Lyle refuses to be ruffled, even by those who claim his company's product can seriously damage your health

JULIAN HERBERT

Apple pie and cheese: Neil Shaw finds it easy to unwind, says Pixie, because 'yesterday simply doesn't exist for him. He never looks back'

Neil Shaw, the Canadian chairman of Tate & Lyle, does not look like a sugar fanatic. Wiry and trim, he is as healthy looking a specimen as might be found in any British boardroom. He could pass for a man in his early fifties, although he will be 62 in a week's time, and his productivity would put many 30-year-olds to shame.

But Shaw is mad about sugar. He takes sugar in his coffee and is not one to skip the dessert. Chocolate bars, vanilla ice-cream with chocolate sauce, queen of puddings, in fact just about any type of dessert slips easily from spoon to mouth without so much as a calorie intruding into his thoughts.

As for that American favourite, apple pie with cheese, "Apple pie without the cheese is like a kiss without the squeeze" is one of his favourite sayings. Far from pure, white and deadly, listening to Mr Shaw talk about sugar has one reaching for the nearest éclair.

"Sugar is a grass, a very natural food. I get fed up with some of the nutritional fadism that goes on," he says. "People say sugar causes heart attacks and every other disease you can imagine. It doesn't. People need to understand that sugar is a natural part of the diet. You consume it for energy. You wouldn't drive your car without petrol, would you?"

His favourite party trick is to ask how many calories there are in a teaspoonful of sugar. A normal estimate is a couple of hundred. "There are 16 calories in a spoonful of sugar," he says triumphantly.

"There is nothing wrong with being very sweet-toothed. In northern countries people eat more sugar; the climate is hostile, people need more energy. I'm a massive consumer of sugar. The important thing is to have a balanced diet and to take lots of exercise."

He is happy to wade right into the health debate. In addition to enjoying sugar in his tea, he likes it in his politics. "People say, 'Sugar, what's interesting about sugar?' But its got everything, politics, internationalism, high finance. I love it."

The political debate exploded a year ago when Tate & Lyle and its rival, British Sugar, joined forces to launch a £12 million advertising campaign promoting sugar as natural and healthy. The adverts angered MPs, scientists and health campaigners. Dentists in Action and Information on Sugars, the anti-sugar pressure group, unsuccessfully lobbied the Independent Broadcasting Authority to prevent the campaign being screened.

The campaign came six months after a report linked sugar with tooth decay and concluded that refined sugars were more damaging to teeth than other foods. But Shaw is quite prepared to take on the dental lobby. "Dentists have become very emotional about the whole subject. The pendulum always swings too far. The problem is not sugar, it's dental hygiene. In this country, 10 per cent of people do not have a toothbrush and in 30 per cent of families there isn't a toothbrush for each family member. Dental hygiene is not taught in our schools."

For a product commonly associated with obesity and tooth decay, sugar could not wish for a more plausible or charming ambassador than Shaw. He has a relaxed style, enthuses about almost everything, is big on informality and peppers the conversation with little jokes and asides. Is he like this all the time?

"He wakes up whistling," says Pixie, his Canadian wife. "It drives me nuts. He's the most focused and most positive person I know. Even if he is being critical he does it in such a way that it is wonderful to be on the receiving end.

"He has boundless energy. If he has been on a long trip, he'll sprint off the plane, and he can really relax. Every few weeks he will come home and just sleep or read for most of the weekend and wind down. I think the reason he handles things so easily is that yesterday simply doesn't exist for him. He never looks back."

Lord Haslam, who was Tate & Lyle's chairman from 1983 to 1986, confirms that Shaw always comes across as if he has just had a round of golf and a gin and tonic.

"It's not an act," he says. "I still see quite a lot of him and he's one of these people who is highly industrious but makes everything seem very relaxed and very easy. It's the art of the master. I've worked with many chief executives and he is one of the best. He reads the tea leaves extremely well and he has an ability to get his timing just right. There was a period when he was somewhat reactive. He could meet people and be impressed. Even something someone said to him on a plane trip would have him pursuing some idea. Since he became chairman he has dropped some of the wilder schemes."

> *'He's the most positive person. Even if he is being critical he does it in such a way that it is wonderful to be on the receiving end'*

Shaw says he does not feel like an outsider, although he still feels very much a Canadian. "I'm different from a lot of people here, but I'd be different if I'd stayed in Canada."

His wife believes being a Canadian is an advantage. "It makes you anonymous in a way, and classless. We weren't brought up with the same kind of conflicts. Where you went to school or what your father did is not important. The world is your oyster."

But then one suspects that if Shaw was a two-headed Martian he would turn that to his advantage as well.

He was born in Montreal in 1929. When he was 11 the family moved to a small town outside of the city because his father had become ill with a serious heart condition.

His father died when he was 17, but Shaw does not feel he really knew him, as the illness confined him to bed for much of the time. "I was on my own from the time I was 17. In many ways I know I'm a better person because of it," the ever positive Shaw says. "I learned I had to earn my own living. You mature very quickly. Maybe I became too focused too soon." His French mother — Shaw is bilingual — had more of an influence on him. "She had loads of friends and was a great Christian, a wonderful person."

After the death of his father he left high school and went to work for a clearing bank before moving to a Canadian merchant bank. During his six years there he went to night school and did correspondence courses in banking and finance. "I don't recommend it for anybody. That was not the best period of my life," Shaw says. By 1955 he had joined Canada and Dominion Sugar (later known as Redpath Industries) and has worked in the sugar industry for 36 years.

He first moved to Britain in 1963 when he was working for Redpath, which had become a Tate & Lyle subsidiary in 1960. He spent three years in London before returning to Canada, eventually running Tate & Lyle's North American operation.

He was called back to Britain in 1980 by the then Tate & Lyle chairman, Lord Jellicoe, to become group managing director. He says it was the first time he realised he could go all the way to the top. The company was in some trouble in the wake of European Community legislation favouring beet sugar, rather than cane sugar producers like Tate & Lyle. Factories were closing.

Shaw changed the style of the operation. Out went the Mercedes and chauffeurs and in came Fords and economy travel. The casualty rate among employees was about 20 per cent.

"You have to remember that all of your people will be casualties if you don't do it. I'm bad at making decisions. I wait too long, then once I've made a decision to change something I realise I should have done it years ago."

The company has grown by acquisition under his leadership. It is currently embroiled in a £150 million takeover bid for the Australian group, Bundaberg Sugar, but Shaw defends his company's aggressive reputation.

"We've stuck to our own business in starches and sugars and we've done it well. If we think we can make a contribution we go into another company. It's not aggressive. We take advantage of situations. We're not a buyer of companies to strip them, sell them off and make a profit."

He spends two-thirds of his time in London and goes back to Canada and America about once a month. An increasing amount of time is spent in Europe and he also visits the group's operations in Africa, Thailand and Belize.

Although his wife believes it is more of a strain than it used to be, he insists the travel is necessary. "I don't believe in managing by calling people over to my office. I like walking round the plants, meeting people, finding out problems. You can tell very quickly if something is going wrong and they feel I understand them better. I probably do the worst job right here in my own building. I'm usually walking around some plant in some other country talking to the workforce."

His day starts at 8am and he usually leaves for home by 7pm, although he says he never has time to do everything he wants. Because he enjoys public speaking, "loves" people and is not averse to the odd chocolate nut sundae, his week involves a good deal of eating out. Dinners on four nights out of five are not uncommon.

It is a possible bone of contention, but his wife is philosophical about the hours he works. "He's like so many men. They think there has been no sacrifice. He and I talk about it a lot. But if he stayed at home when he should be out doing the things he really wanted to do, perhaps he would not be such fun to be around. He has sacrificed time with his own family and developing his own friendships and interests."

Shaw admits it could be a problem. "We do a lot of things together. Pixie likes socialising but sometimes she looks me in the eye and says this is the third night in a row, who are these people we are going to meet tonight? That's a challenge, it truly is. I never accept anything she is invited to unless she has agreed ahead of time, but I tell her the things I would like her to accept."

Pixie, whose real name is Elizabeth, is his second wife. He is still good friends with his first, who lives in Florida, and by whom he has five children. David, Michael, Cynthia, Andrea and Toni and his 11 grandchildren are scattered around the world but they all meet up a couple of times a year. Pixie also has two children from an earlier marriage.

His introduction to Pixie, a sculptor, is the stuff of pulp fiction. Shaw had gone to have lunch in Toronto with a business friend, who informed him they were being joined by an artist in whose work he was interested. "Half an hour before the lunch my friend phoned and said his biggest client had just walked in the door and he had to see him. My friend said, 'You will have to look after the sculptress', so I did." They married in 1985.

"She sculpts in steel, so I don't play around when I hear the grinder going," he says.

They have just built a house with a swimming pool in Ascot and have the use of the company flat in Chelsea. Shaw also has a house in Canada where his brother lives. "We like entertaining at home," he says. "We're not on the cocktail party circuit. We have an eclectic group of friends. There are lots of North Americans and lots of artists. We end up with people who don't really know each other coming and staying. Nine times out of ten that is a great success."

He has two non-executive directorships, United Biscuits and Scottish & Newcastle, and is about to take over as chairman of Business in the Community, but he still makes time for outside pursuits. "I like to be able to get away from the office. I play a lot of sport. There are very few things I don't do. I ski, play tennis, my summer job was as a life guard so I like swimming, I play golf and I shoot badly."

The company has an estate in Perthshire with fishing on the River Tay. "I haven't done a lot of salmon fishing but I absolutely love it," he says. "I love standing in a river with the water up to my chest. If I catch a fish that is the frosting on the cake. I don't need to catch a fish. I just need to feel the weather, the wind, the trees and hear the birds.

"I used to sail on the south coast but I just sold my boat. It was pressure of time. It was a terrible decision because I love sailing. But I get this thing called the guilts.

"We'll charter a boat in future for a week. It's much easier, much cheaper and yet stupidly I know I'll buy another boat."

Chairmen feel pessimistic about pace of recovery

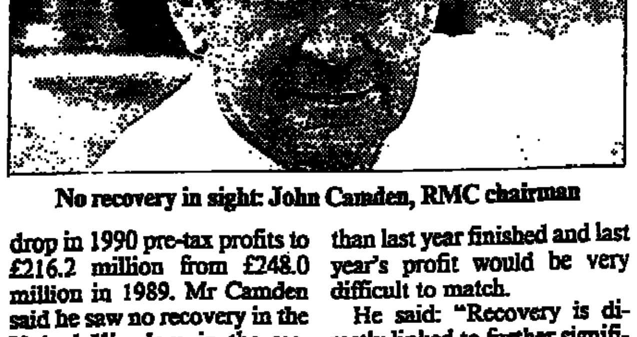
By George Sivell

BRITISH industry issued more warnings to investors yesterday as they assembled to hear statements on prospects from company chairmen.

Cookson the metals and ceramics group, said profits so far this year were unsatisfactory because of the recession. But Ian Butler, the chairman, told the annual meeting all divisions were profitable and there was renewed confidence in some markets.

Trading conditions in January and February were very difficult, but there had been an improvement, which has been maintained. He said the firm continued to emphasise cost reductions, and redundancies would affect profits. Cookson shares fell 3.5p to 122.5p.

RMC, the building materials company said first half profits would be significantly lower than the same period a year ago. "For the first time for several years, we had something like a normal winter in Europe and this, combined with the continuing recession in the United Kingdom building and construction industry, will result in profits for the first half of the year being significantly down on those for the corresponding period last year," John Camden, the chairman, told the annual meeting. The shares sank 35p to 626p.



No recovery in sight: John Camden, RMC chairman

RMC last month reported a drop in 1990 pre-tax profits to £216.2 million from £248.0 million in 1989. Mr Camden said he saw no recovery in the United Kingdom in the second half of the year, adding the group's full-year profits would be hit.

"However, the board believes that the dividend should be at least maintained in real terms," he said. Its total dividend for the year was 19.3p, against 18p.

Bunzl, the paper, plastics and cigarette filters company, said it will be very difficult to match last year's profit in the current year. David Kendall, the chairman, said at the annual meeting that the current year had started no better than last year finished and last year's profit would be very difficult to match.

He said: "Recovery is directly linked to further significant falls in interest rates. When it comes, it will be consumer-led, will come through quite quickly, and we will be towards the front end."

Bunzl reported a drop in 1990 profits to £54.3 million from £65.4 million.

Mr Kendall said the group's finances were in good shape, with net gearing at the end of last year down to 50 per cent from 106 per cent the previous year. The fall stemmed from the proceeds of the sale of discontinued activities and better control of working capital.

He added that it was no accident that the group had not made any significant acquisitions in late 1990 and early 1991. He said: "Our concern just now is to drive our existing assets harder, to take cost out wherever possible and to keep a tight rein on working capital."

He said the group expects to appoint a new chief executive soon. James White, the former chairman and chief executive, resigned last November after the board decided to split the responsibilites of the two posts.

Mr Kendall was guardedly optimistic on prospects for Bunzl's North American paper and plastics business. He added that the group's building materials business was undergoing restructuring which would take several million dollars out of the cost base and prepare it for an upturn in trading conditions.

He added that the early signs of an upturn were just beginning to show through. Bunzl's share price was down 1p at 89p.

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TEMPUS

Sir Peter shows good timing in Scicon bid

SIR PETER Michael and his former UEI team, having apparently become bored with the scope of Cray Electronics after spending 18 months sorting out the mess, have certainly been opportunist in the timing of their all-share bid for the much larger SD-Scicon, one of the biggest software groups.

Cray was back to profits at the halfway stage and is now estimating £3.2 million pre-tax for the year to end April. As the 73p post-bid share is 30 times estimated earnings, City institutions evidently have faith in Sir Peter as a winner, and in the momentum of earnings as the business is cleaned up, debts fall and profitable contracts show through.

By contrast, SD-Scicon announced a £19.8 million loss after provisions on contracts in 1990 and has a credibility gap on management despite important recent changes. Troubled contracts are still running so the group will be hard pressed, regardless of the provisions, to make a firm forecast for this year.

Cray already has BAe's 25 per cent in the bag. Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, with 15 per cent of SD-Scicon, cannot be counted on but was previously thought to be a seller.

The bid promises, however, to be a short bitter fight rather than a walkover. The initial bid, underwritten for cash for three weeks at a 10 per cent discount, is also final for the ordinary shares. Crucially for some shareholders, Cray shares offer no dividends yet but SD-Scicon has kept up a 0.75p per share payment.

A favourable study of SD-Scicon by Smith New Court suggests it might make £5 million pre-tax in 1991 for earnings of 2.4p per share. On that basis, the share offer would be 17.5 times recovering earnings. On a more usual measure in the software industry, the total bid is only about 40 per cent of SD-Scicon's turnover, compared with well over 100 per cent for recent agreed deals for profitable companies. This is a cheap bid.

The target company here, however, is no neat profitable animal. Philip Swinfield, SD's founder and now group chief executive, had a formidable following which has been tarnished by the failed merger with the larger Scicon. There is no certainty it will succeed at the second or third attempt. Sir Peter therefore starts the event in pole position, though the bid is vulnerable to a late challenge from an outsider.

Wolverhampton & Dudley

THE takeover battle between Boddington and Devenish is a contest between firms that believe brewing should be left to the big boys. One has withdrawn from brewing, the other is doing so. Both have supply agreements with Whitbread.

Wolverhampton & Dudley, however, argues that there is a future for regional brewers and appears to be making a good job of it. Interim pre-tax profits of £15.77 million (£13.81 million), were at the top end of forecasts, and drove the shares up 13p to 493p. The interim dividend rises to 4.1p (3.7p), payable from earnings of 17.1p (13.6p) a share.

W&D's heartland is the Midlands, where the recession has bitten hard. The decline in beer volumes was restricted to just 1.6 per cent, through consumer allegiance to established beers like Bank's and strong advertising. Further increase in sales of higher-value brands lifted operating margins to 19.5 per cent.

W&D is also confident it can at least maintain a strong first-half performance in its public houses and restaurants, which increased profits 47 per cent in the final six months, although it issued a warning that hotels have yet to benefit from improved business sentiment.

In spite of investment in the pub estate, gearing is not expected to exceed 22 per cent by the year end. Full-year profits of £34.2 million, up from £31.8 million, are forecast by Kleinwort Benson.

The shares trade at more than 13 times prospective earnings and appear to be fully valued. The premium to the sector reflects the company's growing reputation, but further gains would give investors an opportunity to take some profit.

Central TV

CENTRAL Independent Television stands out from the crowd because its application for a new ten-year franchise is unopposed.

The treatment of the estimated £4 million costs of preparing for the application has yet to be decided. As for Central's actual, and still secret, bid price for the new franchise, the absence of competition leads to the assumption the price was not over the top when lists closed.

Central also stands out with a profits advance from £75.2 million to £77.3 million before accounting for a higher Channel 4 subscription, and an exchequer levy that rose from £5.59 million to £17.6 million.

But these additional imposts, compounded by a further £1.2 million that had to be paid to ITN, left pre-tax profits for the last year down from £27 million to £19.2 million and earnings down from 64.2p to 44.2p a share.

There was an extraordinary £18.3 million charge associated with various closures, taken below the profits line, but Central's reorganisation is now largely behind it, and the company waits on a general improvement in industry advertising revenues.

Last year, Central's revenue from advertising sales was an unchanged £233 million, and its market share was maintained at 14.4 per cent. In the first four months of this year, however, advertising revenue declined sharply, and though there might be some improvement in the second half, interim figures are unlikely to be exciting. Their colour will better determine likely year-end prospects.

At 635p, down 8p, and on an historic price/earnings ratio of 14.3, Central shares are the safest short-term choice for those with faith in the sector.

STOCK MARKET

Laporte drops after broker's downgrading

THE shares in Laporte, the specialist chemicals group, lost 22p to 533p after a profits downgrading by Hoare Govett, the broker.

Hoare, fresh from a recent update from the company, is concerned that trading at the group's subsidiaries may be disappointing, and it is worried about flat volume growth at Interox, the joint venture between Laporte and and Solvay, the Belgian chemicals group.

John Doree and Martin Evans, two chemicals analysts at Hoare Govett, have trimmed their profit forecast for the year to the end of December 1991 from £118 million to £105 million against the reported pre-tax profits of £103 million for 1990, with earnings-per share expected to decline by 8 per cent to 40.8p after taking last year's rights issue into account.

Meanwhile, the news that Norman Lamont had shaved another half-point off interest rates, taking the base lending rate to 11.5 per cent, did little to dispel the gloom in the lethargic, pre-holiday atmosphere.

Overnight falls in New York and Tokyo, plus Labour's opinion poll lead lengthening to 8 per cent, dampened early sentiment, while the half-point cut had already been well discounted and so shares drifted lower.

Sentiment was helped a little by a positive start on Wall Street and futures trading, with the FT-SE 100 index rallying to end 11.7 lower at 2,471.1, having been down 22.7 at one time. The narrower FT index of 30 shares lost 12.9 to 1,932.5. Turnover only managed to reach 436.9 million shares. Government securities shed £¼ at the long end after the news of next month's new auction, while evidence of switching into shorter maturities clipped falls to £⅛.

ICI, which has dominated the chemicals sector since Hanson took its stake, took a breather and eased 6p to £12.40. Wellcome, which has been the subject of speculative talk about a link with ICI, lost 7½p to 600½p as it appeared that the speculation was unfounded. Hanson gained 1p to 213p.

A large line of stock on offer pushed **Reed International** 11p lower to 408p. **Reuters** continued with its recent gains, adding a further 11p to 861p, while reports of an upgrading by Goldman Sachs provided an early lift for **Unilever**, although the shares ended 1p cheaper at 737p.

Dunton Group, the brick maker and property group quoted on the USM, surged from 1½p to 4½p after the company stressed that it knew of no reason for the recent decline in the share price.

Bass, the brewing and hotels group, gained 5p to 976p on a turnover of 1 million shares, having touched 993p. Buying was started by reports of recommendations from Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Warburg. Elsewhere, the recent spate of good results from the brewers give a boost to others. **Wolverhampton & Dudley**, the regional brewer, gained 13p to 493p after a 14 per cent increase in interim profits to £15.8 million.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Kingfisher, the stores group, lost 11p to 473p as rumours persisted about a eurobond issue. Talk in the market is centring on how Kingfisher would use any proceeds, with Storehouse, down 2p at 99p, Asda, 2p lower 109p, and Sears, 1p easier at 81p, tipped to be the favourites for a bid.

Glaxo, the pharmaceuticals company, rose 26p to £11.63, helped by American ADR buying. About 20 per cent of Glaxo's equity is now held there. Barclays de Zoete Wedd upgraded Glaxo to a buy after a presentation because of the prospects for Zofran, an anti-emetic.

Firm bonds help Dow

New York

SHARES rose in morning trading, lifted by firm bonds and futures prices. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 8 points to 2,908.04.

☐ **Tokyo** — Prices closed easier, pulled down by profit-taking and position-clearing by dealers after Thursday's rise of nearly 1 per cent. The Nikkei index fell 114.51 to 25,529.14. *(Reuter)*

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	123
Aberforth Split (100p)	106
Alliance Res	23
Alpine Group	18
Brabant Res (155p)	132
CMW Group	60
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	107
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	102
ECU Trust (50p)	42
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	66
Eidos	50
East Germany Inv (100p)	111
Etonbrook	64
Faber Prest	159
Geared Inc (100p)	106
Globe Pet	40
Greencore	220
Headline Book (100p)	123
MMEC	¾
Malvern UK	102 −1
Manpower	£12½
Mirror Group (125p)	118½ −½
Natl Power (175p)	140½ −½
Oryx Gold	194
Powergen (175p)	145
River&Merc Smlr (100p)	103
St James Place	79
Smaller Inv Tst (500p)	77
TR Euro Growth	101
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	40

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Argyll N/P	37
Bioplan N/P	¾ −¼
Cannon Street N/P	1½ −2½
Cussins Prop N/P	3
Guinness Mahon N/P	1¼
Lovell (YJ) N/P	2½ +½
Porth Group N/P	1 −1
Scapa N/P	14 −1
Synapse Computer N/P	8
Tr High Inc N/P	2 −½

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2916.82 (+16.78)*
S&P Composite .... 377.77 (+2.81)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ... 25529.14 (−114.51)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3703.98 (−74.81)
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1132.21 (−0.41)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 93.8 (−0.2)
Sydney: AO .... 1536.8 (+4.8)
Frankfurt: DAX ..... 1671.87 (+19.16)
Brussels:
General .... 5790.41 (+9.22)
Paris: CAC .... 485.34 (+1.80)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 543.6 (−0.1)
London:
FT.—A All-Share .... 1192.72 (−5.99)
FT.— "500" .... 1320.20 (−6.96)
FT. Gold Mines .... 165.9 (+1.5)
FT. Fixed interest .... 93.41 (−0.07)
FT. Govt Secs .... 84.24 (−0.23)
Bargains 25274
SEAQ Volume 436.9m
USM (Datastream) .... 136.55 (+1.30)

*Denotes latest trading price

WALL STREET

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 7	May 24	Aug 8	Aug 19

Call options were taken out on: 24/5/91 Blacks Leisure, Control Secs, Premier Cons Oil, Dewhirst, Rosehaugh, TV-am.

Puts: Barratt Devs, Betterware, Burndene Inv, Egerton Trust, Sturge Holdings.

Puts & Calls: More O'Ferrall, Premier Cons Oil, Speyhawk.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Polypipe	Industrials L-R	
2	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
3	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
4	Halstead (James)	Chemicals,Plas	
5	Racal Telecom	Electricals	
6	Hicking Pentecost	Textiles	
7	Hammerson	Property	
8	CRH	Building,Roads	
9	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
10	Wardle Storeys plc	Chemicals,Plas	
11	News Corp	Newspapers,Pub	
12	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
13	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
14	Ryl Bk Scot	Banks,Discount	
15	Isotron	Industrials E-K	
16	Lovell (YJ)	Building,Roads	
17	Higgs & Hill	Building,Roads	
18	Ricardo Intl	Industrials L-R	
19	Whitecroft	Industrials S-Z	
20	Oil Search	Oil,Gas	
21	Hewitt (J)	Industrials E-K	
22	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
23	Bass	Breweries	
24	Logica	Electricals	
25	Parkland 'A'	Textiles	
26	Braithwaite	Industrials A-D	
27	Trinity Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
28	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
29	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
30	Time Products	Drapery,Stores	
31	Compass Gp	Leisure	
32	Woodside	Oil,Gas	
33	Brent Walker	Leisure	
34	CI Group	Industrials A-D	
35	Quotient	Electricals	
36	Midland	Banks,Discount	
37	Auto Sec	Electricals	
38	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
39	Abbey National	Banks,Discount	
40	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
41	Grainger	Property	
42	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
43	Medeva	Industrials L-R	
44	Dobson Park	Industrials A-D	
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares suffer losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 20. Dealings end May 31. §Contango day June 3. Settlement day June 10.
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MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 91.8 (day's range 91.8-92.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7285-1.7400	1.7295-1.7305	0.81-0.80pr	2.29-2.27pr
Montrl	1.9863-2.0027	1.9883-1.9901	0.43-0.35pr	0.87-0.75pr
Amstrdm	3.3265-3.3445	3.3284-3.3321	¾-⅝pr	2⅜-1⅞pr
Brussels	60.65-61.11	60.69-60.90	16-10pr	42-30pr
Copnhgn	11.3199-11.3798	11.3265-11.3503	2⅜-1⅝pr	6-4⅞pr
Dublin	1.1074-1.1107	1.1079-1.1089	15-9pr	46-36pr
Frankft	2.9531-2.9694	2.9549-2.9583	¾-⅝pr	2-1⅞pr
Lisbon	257.20-258.95	257.44-258.45	41-5pr	29-60ds
Madrid	182.88-184.35	183.15-183.78	11-21ds	30-46ds
Milan	2193.45-2209.80	2199.92-2204.66	1pr-1ds	2-1pr
Oslo	11.5153-11.5738	11.5219-11.5459	1⅞-1pr	4⅞-3⅝pr
Paris	10.0484-10.0920	10.0484-10.0715	2-1½pr	5⅜-4⅞pr
Stckhlm	10.5905-10.6586	10.5965-10.6201	⅝pr-par	1⅞-⅞pr
Tokyo	239.05-239.98	239.19-239.50	⅞-⅝pr	2⅞-2pr
Vienna	20.78-20.88	20.78-20.81	4⅞-3⅞pr	12⅞-10pr
Zurich	2.5124-2.5266	2.5138-2.5170	⅞-⅝pr	2⅞-1⅞pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17072.5-17109.6
Australia dollar	2.2892-2.2928
Bahrain dinar	0.652-0.660
Brazil cruzeiro *	476.99-477.79
Cyprus pound	0.808-0.818
Finland markka	7.0175-7.0775
Greece drachma	323.90-327.10
Hong Kong dollar	13.4430-13.4461
India rupee	35.79-36.19
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.7706-4.7757
Mexico peso	5150-5250
New Zealand dollar	2.9788-2.9858
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.4875-6.5675
Singapore dollar	3.0607-3.0646
S Africa rand (fin)	5.5553-5.6499
S Africa rand (com)	4.8350-4.8431
U A E dirham	6.3475-6.4275

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5625-1.5640
Singapore	1.7665-1.7675
Malaysia	2.7535-2.7545
Australia	1.3210-1.3222
Canada	1.1496-1.1501
Sweden	6.1250-6.1330
Norway	6.6550-6.6630
Denmark	6.5470-6.5570
W Germany	1.7090-1.7100
Switzerland	1.4555-1.4565
Netherlands	1.9260-1.9280
France	5.8080-5.8130
Japan	138.30-138.40
Italy	1272.0-1273.0
Belgium (Com)	35.15-35.19
Hong Kong	7.7575-7.7625
Portugal	149.30-149.50
Spain	106.05-106.15
Austria	12.02-12.04

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £1,351m allotted: £500m; Bids: £97.300% received: 76%; Last week: £97.290% received: 37%; Avge rate: £10.8148% last wk £10.8427%; Next week: £500m.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11½ Finance Hse 12½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11¾ Low 10 Week fixed: 11½

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buying: 2 mth 10 31/32; 3 mth 10 27/32. Selling: 2 mth 10 29/32; 3 mth: 10 23/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11¾-11 7/32	11 1/16-11	10 31/32-10⅞	10 9/16-10⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	11⅞-11¾	11⅞-11¾	11½-11	11⅜-11⅛	11 1/16-10⅞
Interbank:	11 11/16-11⅝	11 19/32-17/32	11½-11 7/16	11⅜-11⅛	11 1/16-11
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Local Authority Deps:	11⅝	n/a	11¼	11	11
Sterling CDs:	11 21/32-19/32	11 17/32-11½	11 7/16-11⅜	11 3/16-1/16	11 1/16-11
Dollar CDs:	5.90-5.85	5.92-5.87	5.95-5.90	6.07-6.02	6.47-6.42
Building Society CDs:	11 11/16-11⅝	11 9/16-11 17/32	11 15/32-11⅜	11¼-11⅛	11⅛-11

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 13/16-5 9/16	5¾-5 11/16	6 1/16-5⅞	6 5/16-6	5¾-5
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8½	8 13/16-11/16	8 15/16-13/16	9 1/16-8 15/16	8½-7½
French Franc:	9⅞-9½	9⅜-9¼	9¼-9⅛	9¼-9⅛	9¼-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8¼-8	8¼-8⅛	8¼-8⅛	8 5/16-8 1/16	8-7
Yen:	8-7⅝	7 15/16-13/16	7 13/16-11/16	7⅝-7½	7⅞-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $355.50-355.90 Close: $355.75-356.25 High: $355.75-356.25 Low: $355.10-355.60 Krugerrand: $355.50-356.50 (£205.00-206.00)

Sovereigns: Old $84.00-85.00 (£48.50-49.50) New $83.50-84.50 (£48.00-49.00)

Platinum: $390.25 (£225.10) Silver: $4.06 (£2.345) Palladium: $93.75 (£54.10)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 28253	Jun 91	2487.0	2489.0	2484.0	2482.0	3429
	Sep 91	2522.0	2527.0	2513.9	2524.0	71
	Dec 91				2563.5	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 127360	Jun 91	88.82	88.82	88.73	88.75	25914
	Sep 91	89.61	89.62	89.52	89.58	7074
	Dec 91	89.85	89.86	89.81	89.83	3220
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 37008	Jun 91	93.93	93.93	93.92	93.93	613
	Sep 91	93.73	93.73	93.72	93.72	924
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 117721	Jun 91	91.02	91.07	91.01	91.01	5626
	Sep 91	91.19	91.25	91.18	91.19	5229
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 6694	Jun 91	95-05	95-14	95-04	95-07	1489
	Sep 91				94-14	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 33212	Jun 91	90-27	90-28	90-08	90-19	23467
	Sep 91	91-00	91-02	90-20	90-29	1890
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	95.67	95.75	95.61	95.60	67
	Sep 91	96.05	96.06	95.93	95.93	474
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 96593	Jun 91	85.43	85.58	85.42	85.49	35072
	Sep 91	85.66	85.84	85.64	85.66	2903
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 3408	Jun 91	90.54	90.56	90.48	90.49	110
	Sep 91	90.85	90.85	90.79	90.77	53

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	690-679	May	507-503	Aug	171.8-70.6
Jul	605-604	Jul	529-528	Oct	170.8-70.0
Sep	635-634	Sep	555-553	Dec	175.0-68.2
Dec	671-670	Nov	577-575	Mar	173.0-71.2
Mar	704 BID	Jan	598-596	May	176.0-73.2
May	726-725	Mar	619-617	Aug	176.8-75.0
Vol: 3525		Vol: 3097		Vol: 791	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Jun	135.25	Sep	108.35	Jun	130.0 BID
Sep	111.80	Nov	112.10	Aug	130.0-28.5
Nov	114.60	Jan	115.35	Oct	133.5-32.0
Jan	118.15	Mar	118.25	Dec	137.0-35.0
Mar	121.15	May	119.40	Feb	unq
Vol:	213	Vol:	49	Vol:	40

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 52

	Open	Close
Sep (£/tonne)	Open: 80.0	Close: 80.0
Oct	80.0	80.0
Nov	86.5	86.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	88.30	159.17	112.76
(+/-)	-7.08	*-32.92	+1.18
Eng/Wales:	88.30	158.91	110.20
(+/-)	-7.08	-33.07	+0.31
(%)	-38.9	-39.9	-38.8
Scotland:	n/a	164.71	118.82
(+/-)	n/a	-30.73	+1.27
(%)	n/a	-17.5	-9.9

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (p/kg)

May	
Open:	unq
Close:	120.3
Jun	
Open:	unq
Close:	111.9
Jul	
Open:	unq
Close:	111.8

Volume: 55

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 5.00pm:

Ahead of the long weekend, a relaxed market saw no reason to make any great changes.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.80	n/c
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.95	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	19.30	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	21.10	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	21.10	n/c

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT) Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	Bid: 245 (+1)	Offer: 248 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	182 (-5)	184 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Jun	180 (-2)	181 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Jul	178 (-2)	179 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (n/c)	69 (n/c)
Naphtha	203 (-2)	207 (-2)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Jun	177.50-77.25	Oct	179.50-79.00
Jul	174.00 BID	Nov	181.50-81.25
Aug	175.00-74.75	Dec	182.25-82.00
Sep	177.50-77.25		Vol: 5483

BRENT

Jun	18.95-19.00	Aug	19.50-19.56
Jul	19.30-19.35		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 91	High: 1755	Low: 1740	Close: 1738
Jun 91	1705	1700	1695
Jul 91	1596	1565	1574
Oct 91	1665	1640	1648

Vol: 381 lots Open interest: 2328

Dry cargo index 1715 +16

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	Cash: 1275.5-1276.5	3mth: 1282.0-1282.5	Vol: 617650
Lead (£/tonne)	311.00-311.50	322.50-323.00	49850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1072.0-1073.0	1088.5-1089.0	143850
Tin ($/tonne)	5660.0-5690.0	5755.0-5760.0	9455
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1271.0-1272.0	1302.0-1303.0	681050
Nickel ($/tonne)	8250.0-8275.0	8225.0-8250.0	34648

FOX MGMS INDEX (Spot prices)

	Bid	Offer
Jun	139.00	139.80
Jul	139.50	140.20
Aug	139.90	140.50

Vol: 490

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Edited by Lindsay Cook

SIB's about face over broker bonds

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Six months is a long time for regulators. In November, the Securities and Investments Board gave warning of the danger of closed broker bonds and said that it planned to ban them. There was no justification for the bonds, which invested in the funds of one insurance company. They cost investors more and they generally underperform.

This week, for reasons best known to itself, the SIB reprieved the closed bonds. Once again, the might of the insurance industry has been brought to bear, this time to defend the £2 billion of investment in such bonds.

Companies and brokers alike feared the money would flood out to other investments such as unit trusts. For brokers in particular this was bad news. It meant lower commission rates, no annual fees and no certainty that the investor would stay with them.

The regulators have made a complete about turn and even given the bonds a cleanish bill of health. Suddenly, after three years of investigation of abuses and frauds perpetrated with such bonds, they declare there is "no absolute difference" between closed bonds and open bonds that invest in the funds of any company, when it comes to being able to give "added value".

In November, top officials from the SIB argued that a closed fund could not be sold under the best advice rules because no single group could have chart-topping performance in all investment areas.

Now, with a bit of nifty footwork, it says that prompt switching within closed funds can provide advantages and that it would be wrong to deny "the properly informed investor the opportunity of such services".

It is still true, however, that since the crash of 1987 the vast majority of broker funds have tended to underperform insurance companies' managed funds. Before the crash they could only do better because companies allowed favourable dealing conditions for brokers, giving them lots of business. They were often able to deal with hindsight.

The SIB says it is now satisfied that proposals by the trade department to clarify the responsibility of the life companies for brokers managing bonds will provide protection for investors.

In addition, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association will have a new category for brokers authorised to manage bonds.

It will be up to Fimbra to make sure that brokers tell investors that they are to receive extra money if they choose the broker fund.

They must also outline their investment strategy and detail performance so that investors can judge whether it is worth paying more. Good brokers will always have done this. Bad ones still may not.

This would appear to be another case of the interests of investors coming second to those of the investment companies.

First rate

Along with more than 4 million other home buyers, I have a mortgage on an annual review scheme. My monthly payments are currently based on a mortgage rate of 14.5 per cent. I can look forward to much-reduced payments in the New Year or ask the society to cut them now.

It seems like the system is working pretty well without politicians nudging societies to publicise the fact that borrowers can get their payments reduced before the normal date.

Last year, we did not have our monthly payments increased when base mortgage rates went to an all time high of 15.4 per cent. In 1988, when rates fell to 9.8 per cent, we did not receive immediate benefit nor did we feel the sudden pain in August or October that year when rates rose to 12.75 per cent.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society has always allowed the borrowers in its annual review scheme to change to lower payments when rates fell. So far this year, less than 4 per cent have done so.

The schemes were introduced to enable borrowers to budget for more than a few weeks at a time. The huge administrative cost of changing mortgage rates several times a year, which ultimately must be borne by the borrowers, was also a factor.

Those still making payments based on 14.5 per cent can have their payments substantially reduced. If they decide to leave the scheme altogether, however, they could pay more now and will not be able to go back in when it suits them should interest rates rise again.

Plastic reaches silver anniversary

High spenders put squeeze on credit cards

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

It is 25 years next month since credit cards arrived in Britain. For almost as long, customers have been complaining about being overcharged on interest rates.

The current reluctance of card issuers to follow bank base rates down is a sore point with many of the 25 million card holders. The banks answer that big spenders are costing them money. The more they buy with their cards, the greater the loss to the banks.

Big spenders should be the customers banks most want to have. They have high disposable incomes, they understand how to use the banking system to best advantage, and they always pay up promptly.

Because of the way credit cards were structured at the outset, with up to 56 days of free credit for people who pay their bills in full, the banks complain that they are having to foot the cost of borrowing and administering the credit card system. Card issuers estimate that the interest-free period costs about half the money they earn.

Credit card operations may be losing banks money at the moment, but this may not be the case for much longer. They will make money once again, from all their customers, when base rates fall.

Card issuers say they earn little from retailers who accept the cards. The fees paid have fallen by a third in the past three years. Banks are about to increase the fees, which currently average 1.8 per cent per month. Even those banks who levy an annual charge of £8 to £12 say that customers who pay off in full each month can cost them money if they make more than 20 purchases a year on their cards.

When Barclaycard was first launched, it did not charge interest. Between June 1966 and August the following year, Barclays expected customers who used their credit cards to settle in full each month.

With the introduction of longer-term borrowing on the card, Barclays set the interest rate at 1.5 per cent a month. This remained for eight years, when it was increased to 2 per cent a month, an annual percentage rate of 26.8 per cent.

Since then, cards have always charged roughly double the bank base rate for credit. They argue that many other costs have to be taken into account. Administration, membership of the Visa and Mastercard networks, fraud and bad debts all have to be paid for.

Fraud increased dramatically last year and now costs on average £3 for every card in issue. That is expected to rise to £4 during the course of the year. Barclaycard reported a 50 per cent jump in fraud to £26 million in 1990. Lloyds Bank, which has about 2.25 million card holders, compared with Barclaycard's 9 million, had fraud losses of £5 million. For every £100 spent using credit cards, 20p is lost through fraud.

Such is the concern in the industry that card issuers have now formed a plastic fraud prevention forum. Many of them find it cost-effective to use Securicor to deliver cards in high risk areas. Even then the security staff are under instructions not to post the card through the door if the property is in multiple occupation. Then they must hand the package over to the card holder and obtain a signature.

Intercepted cards are a problem because the thief can write in a signature. This type of fraud was increased last year with the offer of second cards by some issuers. Some card companies are considering laser printing signatures on cards.

Some issuers have increased the floor limits in stores to an average of £50, but the increase in fraud means that companies are now looking more closely at where the fraudulent transactions take place and will lower the spending limits in those shops.

There is also a feeling that a growing number of applicants do not tell the truth about whether they have other cards already. They may already have substantial debts on other plastic. For this reason Lloyds Bank has decided only to accept applications for credit cards from customers of the bank. Bad debt has risen so that provisions now account for 3 to 4 per cent of the total outstanding at the end of each month. At Lloyds Bank, bad debt provisions wiped out card profits last year despite the introduction of the £12 annual charge bringing an extra £25 million.

At Save & Prosper, where provisions are running at 1 per cent, customers typically have £412 outstanding on their accounts. This means that the company provides for bad debts at the rate of £4.12 per customer each year.

At Barclaycard extended credit averages £163 at the end of each month. The company does not reveal its own bad debt provisions separately.

Administration costs S&P an average of £21.09 per card holder, a little more than £4 being the cost of chasing up arrears, including legal expenses. Membership of the Visa or Mastercard network costs the group £3.79 a year for Save & Prosper, but this is lower for larger card issuers.

On the income side, issuers receive 1 per cent of all that is spent on the card from the fee that retailers pay to the bank that signs them up. The latter is entitled to the rest. Withdrawing cash from automatic dispensing machines with credit cards incurs a fee, usually 1.5 per cent of the amount withdrawn, with a minimum fee of £2.

Annual fees are charged by Barclays, Midland and Lloyds banks and the Halifax Building Society. Save & Prosper offers a choice of paying £8 and having a lower rate of interest or paying nothing and incurring a higher rate.

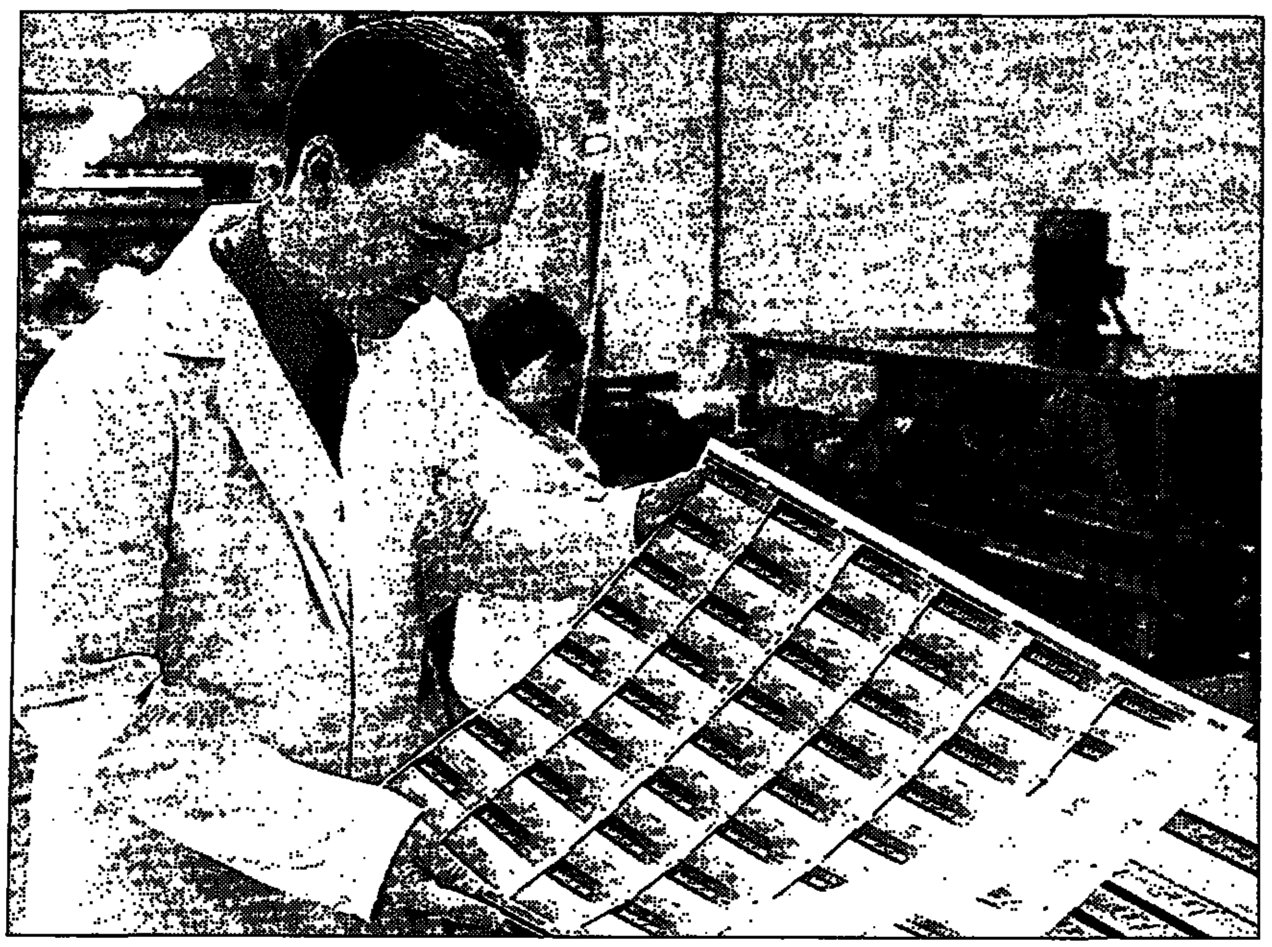
Credit cards are funded at market rates. It therefore currently costs a little more than 12 per cent for card companies to borrow. While the card companies pay for their funds, a large number of users do not. They use the interest free period and then pay up.

Interest is charged to borrowers by some card companies from the day the transaction reaches the account, while others charge from the date the statement is issued. This only affects people who borrow with their card. Those who pay off in full each month pay no interest.

The different ways of charging are not reflected in the quoted annual percentage rates. Many customers will be unaware of the difference. With no interest charged on purchases until the statement is issued, this cuts the real interest rate to about 18 per cent, argues Ian Lindsey, director of banking at S&P.

Larger card issuers estimate that collection costs and bad debt account for 22 per cent of money earned on credit card business. Processing costs and customer services account for 15 per cent. As a result of this, the cost of funding and general overheads, banks estimate that at current interest rates it is costing 10 per cent more to provide credit card facilities than they earn in income.

Service costs: Access clerical staff at Southend



Freshly minted: a sheet of newly-made Barclaycards comes under inspection after leaving the production line

Cashpoint warning overseas

By SARA McCONNELL

BARCLAYCARD holders on their way to Liechtenstein should not rely on being able to use their cards at a cashpoint machine. There are none in that country that accept Barclaycards.

Barclays admits in its new guide to Barclaycard facilities in Europe that it is also unwise to rely on getting cash from a machine using a card in the Azores, Belgium, Bulgaria, Corsica, Czechoslovakia, eastern Germany, Gibraltar, Hungary, Iceland, Madeira, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Switzerland, Russia and Yugoslavia.

There are still 56,000 dispensers in other countries, however, where card holders can get up to £200 a day. The guide lists the number of shops accepting Visa and Mastercards, the number of cashpoint machines in each country, the opening hours of local shops and required vaccinations and duty-free allowances for each country.

Barclays cuts period of grace

THOUSANDS of credit card holders could incur interest unintentionally in the next few weeks because their payment dates have been changed. They are among the 9 million holders of Barclaycard who have had up to a week clipped from the interest-free "period or grace" enjoyed by those who pay in full (Lindsay Cook writes).

Card holders who have paid on the same day of the month for as long as they can remember found last month that they were expected to pay a few days earlier. When their next bill arrived payment was requested earlier still.

In this way, someone used to paying on, say, the fourth of the month, could now be asked to clear their bill by the 28th of the previous month.

A representative said that Barclaycard is still giving customers up to 56 days of interest-free credit if they settle their bill in full at the end of the month. The changed dates were necessary because some people were getting considerably more than 56 days to pay for items bought with their cards.

"Over the years the date has been pushed forward by weekends and bank holidays. The terms remain the same: customers get a maximum of 56 days if they buy goods as soon as they have settled a bill."

Those customers who found the new payment dates inconvenient could request to have them moved back by telephoning the number at the top of their statement, Barclays said. This would not involve them in the payment of interest.

With lending averaging £2.3 billion a month, (on purchases worth £10 billion a year), the saving to Barclays of cutting the time to pay could be substantial.

It is a year next month since Barclays introduced an £8 annual charge for its card. This was partly to offset the cost of providing a service to people who do not incur interest.

At the time, 50 per cent of customers paid off in full each month. This has since fallen to 46 per cent. Many of those have switched to other credit cards that do not levy an annual charge. Of the main issuers, these include National Westminster Bank, TSB, Leeds Permanent and National & Provincial.

All existing Barclaycard customers were given a year to decide whether the service was worth the £8 a year. This runs out on the anniversary of the statement on which the charge first appeared. In most cases this will be late June or early July.

At the time, Barclaycard reduced its interest rate to 1.85 per cent a month, an annual percentage rate of 24.6 per cent.

From August, Barclaycard changed its interest charging policy. A customer who does not pay the bill in full at the end of the month is now charged interest from the day a credit card purchase reaches the account. Previously he or she would be charged from the date the statement was issued.

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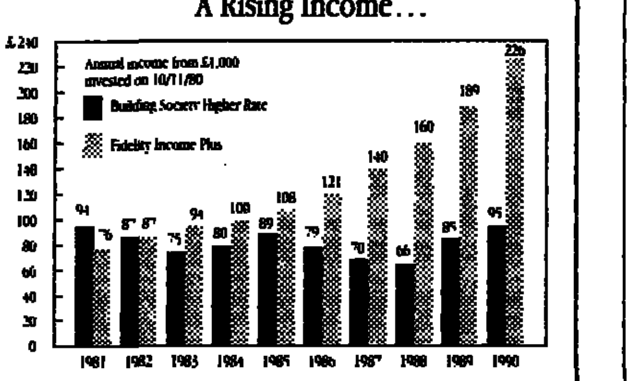

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Trusts outperform market

Recovery funds lead way out of recession

By Rupert Bruce

RECOVERY unit trusts normally perform badly before and during a recession, but well coming out of it. So, while not even the Chancellor is prepared to say anything more than brighter times are ahead, it may be time to consider investing for an upturn.

M&G's flagship, the £750 million Recovery Fund, illustrates the wisdom of investing in such trusts. It fell by 20 per cent in the six months to February, under-performing a stock market weakened by recession and war. But it has significantly outperformed the market since the launch in 1969 and has grown by more than 3,000 per cent.

The secret of M&G's success, and that of other recovery trusts, lies in its strategy. Recovery trusts buy stock and companies that have experienced difficulties but are ripe for recovery, typically heralded by a change of management and increased efficiency.

Many recovery funds bought Midland Bank over Christmas when the share price reached its nadir of 150p. The price is now above 200p and should continue to recover — less dramatically — over the next few years. The bank's fortunes reached a low point in March when the dividend was halved and Sir Kit McMahon, the chairman and chief executive, resigned.

Investment managers take great care when buying recovery shares because the company could equally go out of business as recover. "You do not buy because the market is low or because there is fear in the chairman's voice," John Kelly, of BZW investment management, said.

Inevitably, a few companies fail, but the loss is limited. When one of M&G's holdings, Lowndes Queensway, the furniture retailer, went into receivership, the trust's unit price fell only 0.5 per cent. On the other hand, Birmid Qualcast, the engineering group, was bought by M&G at between 48p and 18p a share in the early Eighties and held until taken over in 1988 by Blue Circle for 450p a share. A £3 million investment made £30 million.

Investments in engineering stocks made at rock-bottom prices during the manufacturing recession of the early Eighties have propelled the performance of many recovery trusts through the decade.

Unfortunately, there are not as many potential recovery firms around today, and those that are may not recover as quickly. While recovery funds should do well, their performance may not be dramatic.

Charles Park, director of Framlington Unit Trust Management, looks after the British side of the firm's recovery trust. While he has found some companies poised for recovery, many are just too diversified to make sense.

"These are put together through chance meetings on the grouse moor. You find engineering companies that own stockbrokers. Now they have started tidying things up. They say we are going to sell this off and that off, but I wonder if what's left is sufficient to support a public company," he said.

Unlike the M&G fund, Framlington has an international portfolio, investing 40 per cent of the fund in America, and 40 per cent in Britain where the group's expertise lies.

Antony Milford, the director of Framlington Group responsible for American stocks, is expecting the US economy to start recovery in the second half of this year. He thinks Britain will take longer to turn the corner, however.

Now is a good time to buy in stages through a savings scheme. This avoids the impossible task of judging just when Britain is about to come out of recession, a proposition beyond even the Chancellor.

Eyes on the upturn: Park and Milford take advantage of recovering companies

Green card facts false

WEEKEND Money thought it was too good to be true when it published a feature stating that motorists could travel throughout Europe without a green card and not lose their insurance cover (May 18). So we rechecked the facts with the Motor Insurers Bureau and discovered that, due to a mishearing, the story was confirmed as accurate when it was not. Travelling on the Continent without a green card entitles motorists to only the legal minimum cover required by the country in which they are driving, even when comprehensively insured in this country.

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Share exchange holds down cost of deals

By Helen Pridham

A PROBLEM faced by many investors holding small amounts of privatisation stocks, or a portfolio of inherited shares, is where to sell them. Going to a stockbroker is likely to be expensive.

An attractive alternative for those who want to stay in the market is a share exchange scheme, whereby shareholders can swop their certificates for a stake in a unit trust or an investment trust, and hold them either directly or through a personal equity plan.

The savings in disposal costs can be significant and shareholders can cut out a lot of aggravation. There is a danger, however, that these savings can outweigh investment considerations.

With few investors putting new money into equity holdings, some companies are now marketing their exchange schemes more actively than in the past. MIM Britannia and Save & Prosper both report a major increase in share exchange business in recent months.

Peter Marshall: best deal

The differences between the schemes on offer is considerable, as one reader, Peter Marshall, of Palmers Green, north London, found out. His portfolio of seven privatisation shares, plus a few penny shares in a USM-listed company, is worth about £7,000.

Mr Marshall discovered that selling his shares through a stockbroker would cost him more than £240, while a building society share dealing service would charge more than £160.

He decided to send details of his holdings to several leading unit trust groups and two investment trust companies. Responses varied, with no answer at all from Fidelity while Save & Prosper sent an approximate valuation of his shares with details of how it would deal with each one.

Traditionally, schemes have treated shares in one of three ways. Managers may want to purchase them for inclusion in their own investment funds if the stock is already held. In this case, the full market offer price, the normal buying price, will be paid, which is normally 2-3 per cent above the selling price.

Alternatively, shares will usually be sold on the investor's behalf. If they are above a certain value, say £1,000, this may be done free of charge. On smaller holdings, however, the investor usually has to pay the cost of selling.

In Mr Marshall's case, M&G explained that the company would buy five of his eight holdings for their own funds at the offer price, and the other three would be sold, with a commission of £30.

The TSB would buy three of Mr Marshall's privatisation holdings and sell four other holdings, leaving one unsold and a total charge of £80.

Save & Prosper was prepared to take five of the holdings and sell the remaining three. Since his portfolio was worth more than £5,000, this would be free of charge. For smaller portfolios where individual holdings are less than £1,000 each, there is a rather hefty charge of £34 for each stock sold.

The offer made by Fleming Investment Trust Management, S&P's sister company, was completely different. It would not buy any of Mr Marshall's holdings, but it was prepared to sell each stock at a standard charge of only £12.50, at total of £100 for all eight shares.

Touche Remnant and MIM Britannia, on the other hand, offered to sell all his shares at the prevailing bid price completely free of charge, regardless of the size of his holdings.

In the end, however, Mr Marshall choose to go for M&G because of the company's good performance record. He decided to save £15 by not selling his penny shares in the hope that one day they may be worth a lot more than £37.

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	Compounded at tax rates 40%	Min/Invest investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	2.83	2.86	2.12	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.83	7.83	6.25	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	8.06	8.06	6.45	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	7.31	7.31	5.85	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	7.31	7.31	5.85	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	7.55	7.55	6.04	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 529855
" " "	7.31	7.31	5.85	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 529855
NatWest	7.50	7.50	6.00	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	7.78	7.78	6.22	10,000-24,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	7.61	7.98	6.38	2,500	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	6.94	7.12	5.70	2,500	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	3.40	3.40	2.72	2,500	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	6.98	6.98	5.58	1,000	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	3.00	3.04	2.43	500	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	6.56	6.66	5.33	2,000	none	0742 529855
NatWest Special Reserve	6.38	6.58	5.26	500	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	7.20	7.40	5.92	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	6.25	6.26	5.01	2,000	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.25	5.25	4.20	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Portman	9.00	9.00	7.20	500 min	none	—
Cheltenham & Gl	9.56	9.56	7.65	2,500 min	none	—
Bristol & West	9.00	9.00	7.20	10,000 min	30 day	—
West Bromwich	9.56	9.56	7.65	20,000 min	90 day	—
Nationwide	9.98	9.98	7.99	50,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Portman	9.00	9.00	7.20	500 min	none	—
Cheltenham & Gl	9.56	9.56	7.65	2,500 min	none	—
Staffordshire	9.60	9.86	7.88	10,000 min	60 day	—
Norwich & Peter	9.30	9.71	7.76	10,000 min	65 day	—
Leamington Spa	10.12	10.12	8.10	25,000 min	1 year	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	4.24	4.28	3.42	25 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	4.50	4.50	3.60	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	2.48	2.48	1.98	1 min		balances

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	Nominal rate	25%	40%	Min/Invest investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
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Investment A/c*	11.00	8.25	6.60	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*²	13.00	9.75	7.80	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
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38th Issue Cert*†	8.50	8.50	8.50	25-5,000	8 day	081-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	8.50	20-200/mth	14 day	081-386 4900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Canada Life	9.45	9.45	8.03	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
New Direction Fin	9.40	9.40	7.98	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity	9.30	9.30	7.90	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Consolidated Life	9.25	9.25	7.86	2,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Liberty Life	9.60	9.60	8.16	25,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (April 90-91)	+6.4%	Spanish Pesetas:	178.00
Bank Base Rate	11.5%	French Francs:	9.83
Personal Loan	24.9%	Greek Drachmas:	313.00
Credit Card	19.5-31%	Italian Lire:	2150.00

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BANKS				
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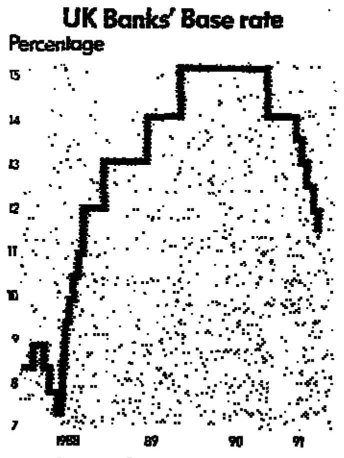

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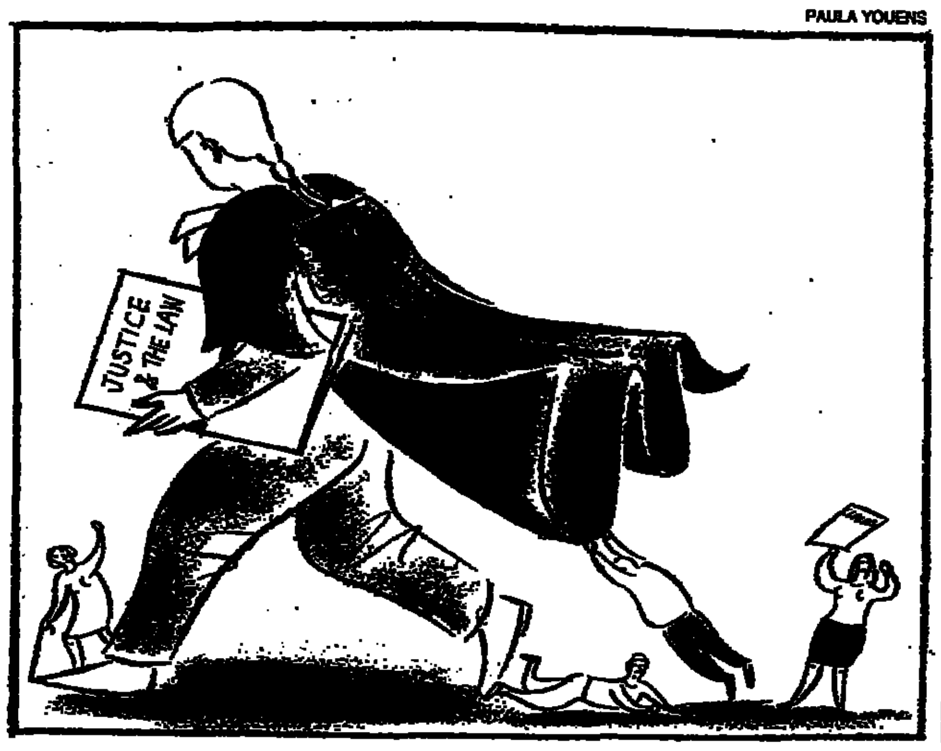
Limit on small claims to rise

By Barbara Ellis



PAULA YOUENS

THE upper limit for county court small claims is to rise from £500 to £1,000 from July and, unless the Lord Chancellor changes his mind, personal injury claims for less than £1,000 will be included in the small claims regime, probably from next January.

Consumer groups and specialist lawyers say this will put aggrieved parties in these cases at such a disadvantage that they will be deterred from claiming.

Legal aid is rarely granted for small claims and the only costs recoverable if a case is won are the £43 plaint fee and "disbursements", which in a personal injury case would have to include a consultant's report costing about £250 and a police report for another £38. Paying such sums before a hearing might deter people.

As a result, lawyers stay out of small claims. But removing legal representation from small personal injury claims will not save taxpayers any money, according to Patrick Allen, a solicitor and partner in Hodge Jones & Allen, who says the move will instead award a bonus of millions of pounds to defendant insurance companies. At present, companies settle most cases before reaching court.

Writing in the *Law Society's Gazette*, Mr Allen said that unlike defendants in other small claims cases, personal injury defendants are invariably represented by highly skilled insurance claim inspectors. "They cannot wait to see the end of inconvenient plaintiff solicitors in small claims," he said. "They know exactly what the claims are worth and how to get away with a small settlement against an inexperienced opponent. They are more than a match for lawyers not experienced in personal injury. Pity the unsuspecting plaintiff in person."

He suggested that where lawyers were not involved, insurance inspectors "only doing their job" might visit plaintiffs at home, using scare tactics to achieve the smallest possible settlement.

He predicted clogging of the courts with cases that should never have got so far, with judges having to spend significant time explaining both procedure and law to claimants.

Mr Allen denied any self-interest in his attack, pointing out that hourly rates in small claims work are at the bottom of the fees scale.

Another proposed change with an impact on the accessibility of the law is the introduction of a form of no-win, no-fee basis for lawyer's fees. Originally also scheduled for a July start, this has now been postponed until October at the earliest. The proposals are to allow lawyers to negotiate an extra fee of up to 10 per cent, conditional on winning a case, provided they agree to take nothing on losing.

Russell Wallman, of the Law Society, said that solicitors were in favour of this, but thought it unnecessarily cautious. They did not want to copy the contingency fee system in America allowing lawyers to take up to 40 per cent of any award in exchange for the risk of receiving nothing, partly because the public would see this as windfall profits for lawyers. However, Scott Brown, an American attorney based in London, says contingency fees on American lines would not only open the courts to everyone equally, but would encourage judges to interpret the law more imaginatively.

He says that in America, where each side is responsible for its own costs, added consumer protection has been an important side effect. He could point people with doubts about the contingency fee system to a large number of satisfied British customers.

His firm, J. Scott Brown & Associates, recently won $1 million in a Chicago court for a Briton injured in a plane crash in Zambia. The case against the plane's American manufacturer took six years. "We didn't make a dime on it during those years," Mr Brown said.

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The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in April 1991.

Month purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
January	—	0.611	0.533	0.459	0.383
February	—	0.604	0.526	0.448	0.378
March	0.675	0.601	0.522	0.434	0.376
April	0.642	0.579	0.502	0.404	0.363
May	0.631	0.573	0.496	0.398	0.360
June	0.626	0.569	0.492	0.395	0.361
July	0.626	0.560	0.494	0.398	0.365
August	0.625	0.553	0.480	0.394	0.361
September	0.626	0.547	0.477	0.395	0.354
October	0.618	0.541	0.468	0.392	0.352
November	0.610	0.536	0.463	0.388	0.341
Dececember	0.613	0.532	0.465	0.386	0.336
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
January	0.331	0.288	0.199	0.114	0.022
February	0.326	0.284	0.191	0.107	0.017
March	0.323	0.279	0.185	0.096	0.013
April	0.307	0.258	0.164	0.064	—
May	0.306	0.253	0.157	0.055	—
June	0.306	0.249	0.153	0.051	—
July	0.307	0.247	0.152	0.050	—
August	0.304	0.234	0.149	0.039	—
September	0.300	0.228	0.142	0.029	—
October	0.293	0.216	0.133	0.021	—
November	0.287	0.210	0.123	0.024	—
Dececember	0.288	0.207	0.120	0.025	—

The RI month for disposals by individuals on or after April 6, 1985 (April 1, 1985 for companies) is the month in which the allowable expenditure was incurred, or March 1982 where the expenditure was incurred before that month.

Wealth trap victims can cut lawyer's costs

AN ESTIMATED 15 million Britons are too rich for legal aid but too poor to afford legal advice and representation (Barbara Ellis writes).

"It's actually crackers," said Tony Holland, the president of the Law Society, who added he could not afford to litigate through his own firm, Foot & Bowden of Plymouth.

But now Foot & Bowden, with nine other firms, has signed up to sell legal expenses insurance, under the name Legal Care, for the Legal Protection Group, a subsidiary of Sun Alliance.

The policy offers a family unit £10,000 worth of indemnity against any one claim for £120 a year, or £50,000 worth for £162 a year. Policyholders have access to 24-hour legal advice by telephone. Cover can be extended to other countries, apart from America and Canada, for £48 a year.

Jim Collett, the solicitor who heads Legal Care, explained that the group would give the work arising from a claim to the firm that had sold the policy, although the policyholder would be free to choose another firm.

Although the policy covers an opponent's costs, it does not extend to any penalties, fines or awards. People already involved in legal action or in circumstances likely to lead to a claim would be refused cover, Mr Collett said.

There have been various unsuccessful attempts to sell legal cover through solicitors, including one by Sun Alliance in the mid-Eighties, but in the past four years, the Legal Protection Group has seen its business rise to between £15 million and £20 million a year.

BRIEFINGS

CUSTOMERS with credit cards can now buy Thomas Cook travellers cheques and foreign currency over the phone and have them delivered direct to their home address within three working days.

The company's new home delivery service also means that customers buying travel money from a bank or building society branch can have it delivered without having to go back to the branch.

☐ Link, the cashpoint network, has issued guidelines to travellers using plastic cards abroad this summer. Cardholders should memorise their personal identity numbers (pin) and keep them secret. They should also keep their receipts, look after their cards and report any loss immediately to the card issuer.

☐ Diameter, the Guildford stockbroker, will sell Scottish electricity company privatisation shares for £7 per company for each person, £8 per company for two people, £9 per company for three people and £10 per company for four people at the same address. Investors have to send their certificates, signed on the back, to Diameter. Dealings in the shares start on June 18.

The Yorkshire Building Society will check applications and get them in before the June 12 deadline. It will sell the first £300 worth of shares for £10 per company. Larger sales will cost £15.

☐ The Bank of Scotland is offering a mortgage package to homeowners thinking of moving with a range of benefits, including £150 cash towards survey and legal fees, no arrangement fee, and preferential rates for bridging loans and personal loans.

The bridging loan rate is set at 1.5 per cent above the current base rate for a closed period and 1.75 per cent above base rate for an open period. Rates on the bank's Scotloan are set at 10 per cent flat for five years and 11 per cent flat for terms of between 5½ and 10 years. Borrowers do not have to take life assurance or buildings and contents insurance to qualify.

☐ Skandia Life's new Lifetime Plan will pay a cash lump sum of up to £500,000 on diagnosis of a range of critical illnesses, including Aids contracted from a blood transfusion in Britain. The plan also covers conditions including heart attacks, strokes, cancer and multiple sclerosis. Minimum contribution is £25 a month or £250 a year. Contributions and sums assured can be increased every year without medical evidence.

☐ An investment trust bond from NEL Britannia gives investors access to 13 funds, including a managed fund. The Multichoice investment trust bond offers unlimited free switching between the managed fund and the other funds. NEL Britannia will also sell existing holdings and invest the money in the bond free of charge. Minimum investment in each fund is £500.

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Borrie watches out for mortgage abuse

By Sara McConnell

WHEN the Courts and Legal Services Act is implemented later this year, there will be no ban on mortgage packages that offer discounts or fixed rates with strings attached. But forcing borrowers to take out insurance as a condition of a normal loan will be outlawed.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of the Office of Fair Trading, told lenders at their annual conference this week he was concerned at possible abuse when there are conditions on discounts or fixed rates.

"I am aware that those with a mind to could use differential pricing, through administrative charges or otherwise, to circumvent the prohibition on tying in. I shall have to watch closely to see how the act takes effect and be ready to use whichever of my powers are appropriate to counter any abuses."

The Consumers' Association said it was worried that the cost of any extras on discounted or fixed-rate mortgages was not made clear enough at the outset. Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher at the CA, said: "If there is only one cost for the package it is difficult to compare one product with another."

There has been a flood of special offers since early this year. The Halifax, Abbey National and Nationwide, the three largest mortgage lenders, all have first-time buyer discounts that require borrowers to take out buildings or contents insurance with them.

First-time buyers with the Halifax who borrow more than £60,000 receive a discount that cuts their mortgage rate to 10.95 per cent for the first year if they take out their buildings and contents with the society.

Jim Birrell, chief executive, said: "We support the concept of a range of financial services from a single supplier. If people don't like it they will not buy."

Sir Gordon: ready to deal with abuse wherever he finds it

John Hutchinson, retail operations director at the Nationwide, said: "Discounts and packaging happen in every industry, but what Sir Gordon Borrie is saying is that it should be clear what people are buying. We aren't against this."

Nationwide has a range of discounted mortgages, all of which carry conditions. First-time buyers opting for a 1.25 per cent discount off the 12.25 per cent basic rate have to take out an endowment policy. They also have to have household insurance with the Nationwide, or contents insurance if the property is leasehold, and have to pay by direct debit from a current account. Those taking the fixed rate of 10.95 per cent for five years have to take out a new endowment with the society. They also have to take out buildings and contents insurance with the Nationwide.

The Abbey National's first-time buyers taking advantage of the 1.75 per cent discount off the variable rate until 1992 have to take out building or contents insurance with the bank and open a current account to make the monthly repayments.

LETTERS

Terminal loss on endowment

From Mr Howard Rutter

Sir, Lindsay Cook rightly alerts policyholders to the serious loss of terminal bonus that can arise from early encashment of a life policy (Weekend Money comment, May 4). But are policyholders aware that "their" policy could possibly be cashed in without their knowledge?

My own policy, assigned to a building society, matures on 22.09.91. Imagine, therefore, my surprise when I received a letter from the building society asking how I would like any surplus monies paid to me upon the same policy maturing on 02.02.91, seven months early and clearly a "computer error".

On telephoning the building society, it was indicated to me that I didn't know what I was talking about and that "the life office do not have to give confirmation of the maturity date". Furthermore, they had already forwarded my policy to the life office.

In subsequent correspondence, the life office gave me confirmation that they would "act on the instructions of the assignee without reference to the policyholder".

Luckily, I saw this error as soon as it arose which enabled me to obtain confirmation that the policy never ceased to earn bonuses and I received an apology from the building society. But in these days of computerised records it seems possible that a policy could be returned for early surrender without being queried by the life office and without the policyholder being aware of his loss of terminal bonus.

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Prayers unanswered

From Anne Morris

Sir, I was interested to read the letters on bank charges and on the "disappearence" of bank managers (Weekend Money letters, May 4 and 11).

I am treasurer of a Church Council. The bank charges amount to almost 1 per cent of the annual income. From time to time I write to the manager to complain that as a non-profit making institution we can no longer afford these charges. Perhaps the reason that my letters rarely receive a reply is that the manager no longer exists.

Yours faithfully,
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Scrap married tax allowance

From Miss Margaret White

Sir, Mr R.H. Edwards (Weekend Money letters, May 18) expresses surprise that the "married couple's allowance" has remained the same in the 1991 Budget. The real surprise is that it has remained. There is no logical reason why it should have continued after the introduction of independent taxation in April 1990.

Penalised, surely, is the individual householder, bearing the costs from a single income. A married couple, sharing one household, not only receives (quite rightly) two separate personal allowances, but an anomalous "married couple's allowance" as well.

The discontinuance of this allowance would not only right a fiscal injustice but would release much-needed funds for the public services without any party having to raise a penny on the rate of taxation.

Yours faithfully,
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Inland Revenue should not make taxpayers find postage

From Mr Alan Donovan

Sir, I agree with the suggestion from D.J.R. Green that letters responding to enquiries by the Inland Revenue (and, indeed, other government departments) should not involve the sender in paying postal charges (Weekend Money letters, May 18).

If the Inland Revenue cannot agree to such a reasonable and commercial proposal perhaps they could go part way and agree that correspondence handed in to their local office would be sent on to the taxpayer's own Revenue office (via their internal sorting office at Kew) at no charge to the taxpayer. After all, the banks will do this.

If I had a choice I would not have my tax affairs dealt with by offices in Cardiff or Edinburgh when there is a local office ten minutes' walk from where I live!

Yours faithfully,
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Surrey.

From Mr Norman L. Harrop

Sir, I echo the views of Mr D.J.R. Green (Weekend Money letters, May 18) that HM Inland Revenue should not expect taxpayers to bear the cost of postage when making a tax return which is, essentially, government business.

For some years I, too, refused to pay the postage and urged that franked envelopes should be issued.

This year, however, being long-since retired, I preferred to avoid any difficulty that might arise and therefore afixed a stamp, having repeated my complaint in an enclosed note.

Following my first objection some years ago, I subsequently received a demand from the Collector of Taxes for tax due and, in sending my cheque, I deducted the total postage on my two letters, explaining the reason. My cheque was accepted without question. This, then, seems to be another means of recovering postage for those who have to pay any part of their assessment direct to the Collector of Taxes.

Yours faithfully,

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Devon.

From R.G. Robinson

Sir, Mr Green complains at his tax inspector asking him to pay the postage on sending in his tax return.

Like him, I have read their requests; find it unpalatable; and ignore it. I suspect that many others, especially of the generation which has grown up with free postage on such documents, do the same and I await with interest any action which the inspector decides to take with us recalcitrants.

Mr Green finds the request incompatible with the printed "OHMS", so he will be interested that my inspector has even discontinued that superscription!

We all get many franked envelopes from businesses up and down the land, aimed at encouraging us to reply: could not the tax man follow this business practice? It is he that wants our reply, not we that want to give it.

At the later stage, incidentally, of asking for actual money, he does still send a franked envelope – when it matters less to the payer because he can pay free over his own bank counter anyway.

Yours faithfully,

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East Sussex.

Banks help themselves to charges

From Mrs Sheila Davies

Sir, Fortunately Mr Moody's (Weekend Money letters, May 18) figure of £2,900 for my son's average overdraft is around double the actual figure, but I find it most shocking that he accepts the possibility that a fellow bank manager would allow a 23-year-old to exceed an agreed unsecured overdraft by such an amount. However, it would explain many of the sad stories I have heard since writing to you on May 4.

I find his attempt to compare bank charges with those of dentists, garages or solicitors particularly feeble. Since when has my son's dentist been able to help himself to any fee he chooses to charge directly from my son's bank account without so much as a "by your leave"?

Yours faithfully,
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Meetings clash for investors

From Mr Alan Diamond

Sir, Each year during the months of May and June, many of our leading companies hold their annual general meetings.

A problem can arise for shareholders who are interested in closely monitoring their investments should more than one of the companies in which they are an investor choose the same day and time to hold their agm.

Clearly, what is required is for the Institute of Directors or say the CBI to establish a central registry where companies could inform of their intentions with regard to their annual general meetings and should there be a clash seek an alternative.

It is a fundamental right of all shareholders to have the opportunity to attend their company's agm, since it is usually the one occasion when the shareholder can question the chairman on aspects of the report and accounts.

To be denied this chance is a shame when this matter could so easily be resolved.

Yours faithfully,
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The way to pick stock winners

From Mrs Eve Turner

Sir, Further to Mr Gowen's letter (Weekend Money, May 4) I should like to endorse his wife's imaginative approach to stock-picking.

What price ICI when one can rally to the Arthurian banners of Pendragon? Or feel a doomy, poetic *frisson* at the sound of Inchcape? Or day-dream about husky Barry Wehmiller? Or catch the Dickensian echoes of Wiggins Teape? Or, shorebound, gaze on the far horizons promised by Ultramar? To say nothing of the allure of P&O, Kingfisher and the esoteric, possibly anagrammatic, appeal of Yule Catto.

And if this approach seems a bit, well, unbusinesslike, I would point out that its proponents would certainly never have invested in a concern whose name has the nursery rhyme, dimity-clad *ingénue*, cautionary tale flavour of Polly Peck.

Yours faithfully,
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2	+3	+1	+6	+1	+3		
3	+6	+2	+5	+6	+4		
4	+2	+2	+3	+2	+1		
5	+7	+3	+5	+5	+4		
6	+4	+1	+6	+2	+2		
7	+3	+4	+5	+4	+7		
8	+2	+3	+3	+2	+1		
9	+6	+3	+5	+4	+5		
10	+2	+3	+3	+4	+7		
11	+3	+3	+2	+4	+6		
12	+6	+3	+4	+5	+2		
13	+3	+4	+2	+3	+6		
14	+4	+1	+8	+2	+3		
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39	+7	+3	+6	+5	+5		
40	+2	+4	+2	+2	+5		
41	+2	+1	+8	+2	+1		
42	+6	+2	+4	+6	+4		
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TENNIS

Class distinctions disturbing peace on the grand tour

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

AFTER three weeks on a men's tour characterised by grey skies, strange results and doctor's sick notes, officials of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) would be forgiven for shouting "good riddance to the lot of you" as the French Open, which is not under their control, begins on Monday.

This is the silly season for tennis. The time of year when claycourt specialists with unpronounceable names and unstoppable forehands emerge to dent big reputations; and when the astonished cries of "Who?" from journalists drown the sound of weeping from the offices of the tournament directors.

In the German Open in Hamburg two weeks ago, only three of the 16 seeds reached the last eight; in Italy last week, it was worse. Three of the top five — Becker, Forget and Lendl — failed to make the starting line because of injury and only four seeds survived to the end of the third day. The collapse brought understandable accusations that, in relentless pursuit of grand slam titles, the commitment of some of the top players to the regular tour is not quite all it should be.

"There is too much emphasis on the grand slams these days," Tony Pickard, Edberg's coach, said. "Not enough preparation is going into the other tournaments."

Neither the quirky results nor the accusations nor the explanations are new. Bruguera, Novacek, Gustafsson and Emilio Sánchez, who have won five titles on clay among them this season, are just the latest in a long line of excellent clay court players quite capable of upsetting the best serve-and-volley merchants.

By common consent, the majority of players are fitter, stronger and more powerful than ever. But the one difference in the game under the 18-month stewardship of the ATP is the system which means that only a player's best 14 results during the year count towards his ranking. Karel Novacek, for example, played 32 tournaments last year, so over half his results were void and there is a strong feeling among many of the top players that the underdog is being unduly favoured as a result.

"These guys have nothing to lose," Edberg says. "They can go out and tee off, knowing that if they lose they can always play another tournament."

The system is designed to encourage players to play more matches, which it does, and to promote a wider body of players, which it also does. But are they the players the public want to watch? The statistic that 54 of the top 60 players have won a tour title is used in evidence by the ATP to show the depth of talent in the game. It could also be interpreted as a monument to mediocrity.

Whether the ATP likes it or not, the best-14 system is also open to abuse. Player gets paid a $100,000 guarantee for an event; player decides he does not really want to perform that week; player loses in the first round; player makes off with the money knowing that as long as he plays an extra tournament he can discard the result.

"That's not the way it should be. Tennis is a profession and players should treat it with pride. Some players don't go into a tournament trying to win a match," Michael Chang, the 1989 French Open champion, said.

Richard Evans, the media manager of the ATP, says that the tour has to balance the interests of the struggling starter and the multi-millionaire. "It's better for the tour that players play a lot and lose than that they don't play and it's better that the lower-ranked players perform freely without having to be terrified of losing. It takes the wraps off the game and if the top players can't handle it then that's tough. We don't want the circuit Senna-ised — one person winning all the time."

But, for all its vehement defence, the ATP knows it has a problem. It is called Agassi. Most of the barbs about lack of pride and professionalism are aimed at the American, who has lost four of the six matches he has played in Europe this year.

In Brussels in February he was beaten by a player ranked 153. A bad day or simply not trying? Even the ATP has lost patience with the antics of their tour champion.

"Agassi has not yet grasped what his professional duties are. He wears clothes that shock, has an entourage like Michael Jackson and feels that he has to put on an act. He doesn't practise and if the act isn't working he just jumps on the next plane back to Las Vegas," Evans said. "But the ATP is not a football club. We can guide them about where to play but we can't tell them what to do."

In other words, no set of regulations can manufacture honesty. It is up to the integrity of the players. But the fear for the ATP and the game is that a group of tournament directors, feeding off the discontent, will put together an alternative circuit, centred on the grand slams with one or two big tournaments before for preparation. Then Edberg, Becker and Agassi might be the ones saying "good riddance" to the ATP.

Full house at French Open

BORIS Becker and Ivan Lendl, who pulled out of the Italian Open with injuries, duly took their place in the draw for the French Open, which starts next week in Paris. But neither will face an easy return against opponents who have already won claycourt titles this year (Andrew Longmore writes).

Lendl, three times French Open champion, who has been recovering from an operation on his hand two weeks ago, plays Martin Jaite of Argentina, winner in Nice last month, while Becker, the No. 2 seed with his new temporary coach, Tomas Smid, now taking over, has an even tougher first round against Jordi Arrese, of Spain. Arrese won in Madrid recently, but became briefly famous by lending a sense of perspective to Bjorn Borg's comeback in Monte Carlo.

If Becker, the Australian Open champion, is not careful, the Spaniard could do the same to his hopes of winning the grand slam.

Lendl, very short of matches on clay after forsaking Paris for Wimbledon last year, will waste no time in getting his feet on to the grass again should he lose in the first week. Pete Sampras and John McEnroe are other obvious candidates for a quick transfer. Sampras has a first round against Thomas Muster, a semi-finalist at the French last year who has fallen on hard times so far this year, while McEnroe, seeded 15, faces Andrei Cherkasov, the tough little Russian.

Nor will Andre Agassi, finalist last year, have time to recover any of his lost form against the dangerous Marc Rosset. Edberg, the No. 1 seed, plays a qualifier in the first round if he recovers from the hip injury sustained yesterday, but has Horst Skoff and Andrei Chesnokov uncomfortably close in the top half of the draw.

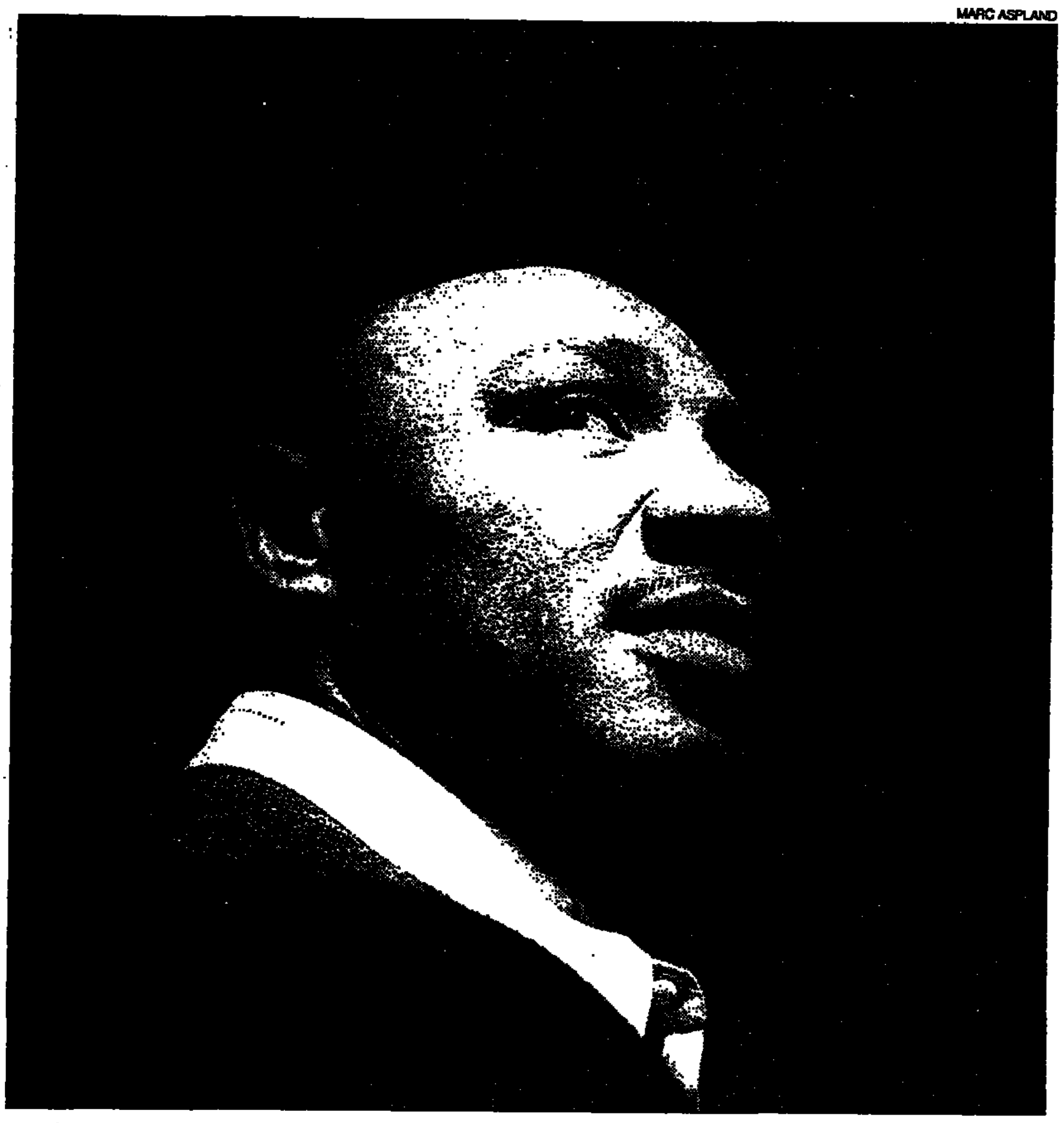
Neither of the top two seeds, Becker or Edberg, made it past the first round 12 months ago. With Andrés Gómez, the champion, the one notable absentee from one of the strongest fields ever for the French men's singles title, it looks even more open this year.

In the women's singles, which promise to be more straightforward, Monica Seles begins the defence of her title against the Czech girl, Radka Zrubakova, just one point ahead of Steffi Graf at the top of the world rankings. Either Graf or Gabriela Sabatini could overtake Seles as No. 1 by the end of the fortnight.

SEEDINGS: Men: 1, S Edberg (Swe); 2, B Becker (Ger); 3, I Lendl (Czech); 4, A Agassi (US); 5, S Bruguera (Sp); 6, P Sampras (US); 7, G Forget (Fr); 8, G Ivanisevic (Yug); 9, J Courier (US); 10, M Chang (US); 11, E Sánchez (Sp); 12, M Stich (Ger); 13, J Svensson (Swe); 14, K Novacek (Czech); 15, J McEnroe (US); 16, B Gilbert (US).

Women: 1, M Seles (Yug); 2, S Graf (Ger); 3, G Sabatini (Arg); 4, M J Fernandez (US); 5, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 6, J Novotna (Czech); 7, C Martinez (Sp); 8, Z Garrison (US); 9, M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz); 10, J Capriati (US); 11, K Maleeva (Bul); 12, H Sukova (Czech); 13, N Tauziat (Fr); 14, L Meskhi (USSR); 15, B Paulus (Austria); 16, N Zvereva (USSR).

MARC ASPLAND



Shades of former glory: Hagler, in and around town on the minor royal circuit, reflects on life after boxing

Hagler resists fatal attraction

LAURA THOMPSON

Stocky, compact, leather-skulled, exquisitely confident, an oasis of relaxed and unconscious masculinity in a world where boxers constantly have to tell you how good they are, Marvin Hagler looked so much like himself this week in London that tentacular memories of his heroic fame gripped me by the throat.

Hagler started to talk and he was charming, forthcoming, with the gentlemanly naivety that the best boxers often have. He could not have been more approachable but there I sat, voice all gone, terrified even to move, like a drunken pauper at an auction.

He does wear his fame like a lei, likely but not noticeably. "In my heart, I still feel like a champion . . . if I see somebody staring at me, I will go over and burst his bubble and say 'How you doing?' and hopefully I've made his day." But his easy manner mitigates arrogance. I thought of the spiky boys, Watson and Eubank, demanding respect from each other at the Grosvenor Hotel a few hours earlier — *autre temps*, *autre* middleweight champions — and wondered if this was merely the difference between selling oneself and selling a fight or whether Hagler had ever felt the need to get high on fake aggression.

What he is really selling is an ideal image of the post-boxing boxer. New career, sense of responsibility towards people for whom he is a hero; resistance of the comeback. "I want to be an example, to say you can get out of the game . . . I stay away from the gymnasium because you get that itch again and I'm still not that far away from it."

Now, he promotes his upright amiability and follows a minor royal itinerary: House of Lords lunch, England football match, opening a leisure centre, guest of honour at the Black Arts Sports and Entertainment Awards dinner at the Hilton. What would these hotels do without sport? Sport is taking over. Hagler, who is already doing the requisite thing of talking to "kids with drug problems", has got to end up in Congress.

Before that, he is giving himself five years to make it in acting, but then look at Reagan. At first, this new move seemed unbelievable. One thinks of Frank Bruno doing pantomime but Marvin is not like that. Marvin is hard. It is as if Mal Meninga and Benny Elias were suddenly to turn up as a couple of warders in *Prisoner: Cell Block H*. One thinks of the cod macho of actors, swivelling around in leather RSC boots and pretending to be Harry Hotspur. One thinks, how could he want to do it?

And then one thinks of the mutual hero worship that operates between people who exist on similar levels, though in different areas, of fame. When Cooper fought Ali, Taylor and Burton were there. When Hagler lost a controversial points decision to Sugar Ray Leonard in 1987, Sinatra and Bob Hope were there.

Stars — or, in England, page three girls — gravitate towards the gritty "reality" of boxing, although I doubt they would if that reality were not made palatable by a lot of glitz. In their turn, boxers gravitate towards the glamour of show business — or, in England, *Blankety Blank* — as a way of recasting their celebrity in a respectable, but not dull, mould. If they are still sentient, boxers do tend to strive hard for post-boxing reputability.

Also, both boxing and acting demand an existential presentation of self, an act of will, the shedding of the Constable cocoon of shambling human ordinariness to reveal a core of pure, unnatural, concentration and confidence. But boxing is so much more intense that the comparison becomes academic. Fail at acting and you are an embarrassment; fail at boxing and you are finished.

I always think of Macbeth, who fought and fought and was enthralled to the masculine ideal of the ultimate fight. Was he not, like a boxer, rising to the challenge of taking on fighting itself? Fighting not just to defeat other men but to defeat fear, weakness, uncertainty? No wonder men who have done that find it hard to adjust to the shadowy realities of their afterlives. No wonder boxing is so mythopoeic: the rise and fall of its protagonists is so literal, so basic, so absolute, that symbolic derivations are irresistible.

Take as a paradigm the life of Jack Johnson, the poor black man who could not get a fight, who defeated all comers, who knocked out the white champion, who made money, who spent it, who could not handle fame, who lost his title, who died at the wheel of his flash car.

Of course, not all boxers suffer such a fate but the literal uplift after victory symbolises the rising of their star, and the literal knockdown symbolises its setting. What fascinates about Marvin Hagler, who lived the myth to the full, is that he has nevertheless appended to the story a happy ending.

The comeback in other sports can be the subject of mild regret or a fond admiration but the boxer who does not know when to stop may well be savaged by a sport whose attraction, and whose repulsiveness, will always be that it gives no quarter.

HOCKEY

Depleted Havant fill gaps for Cup

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE absence of five international players has upset the balance of Havant and of Hounslow for the Poundstretcher League Cup final tomorrow at Milton Keynes, a prospective permanent home for English hockey. On duty for England in Brussels are Bolland and Hazlitt of Hounslow and Rowlands, Nail and Williams from Havant.

In place of Williams, Havant have chosen Avery to lead the attack with Garcia and Cooper in their usual roles as inside forwards. Lewis will fill in for Rowlands in goal but up to yesterday there was doubt about whether Faulkner would play at centre half or partner David Roberts at full back.

Hounslow's four-man defence will look a little odd without Bolland and Hazlitt but Ferns, back from holiday, will fill one of the gaps and Swayne probably the other. Their attack is unaltered, with Gordon, Robert Thompson, Andy Thompson and Allcock available.

Havant won the trophy last year at Luton after a thrilling 3-2 victory over Hounslow, who had led 2-0. More recently, the teams exchanged trophies on successive days with Havant winning the first division championship and Houslow the Nationwide Anglia Cup.

The match tomorrow will be preceded by the second division cup final between Bournville and Firebrands and followed by a game between a Poundstretcher League XI and British Students.

HAVANT (probable): J Lewis; D Roberts, S Lawson, R Hill, D Faulkner, A Cave, M Coleman, R Garcia, S Avery, C Cooper, J Golding.
HOUNSLOW (probable): R Purvis; M Williamson, J Potter, A Ferns, G Swayne, J Rees, D Hacker, O Mackney, N Gordon, R Thompson, A Thompson.

BRIDGE

Killarney frightens insurers

By ALBERT DORMER

THE chance of Britain reaching the world open and women's team finals in Yokohama are bright, if the hard-headed London insurance market is any guide. The hurdle to be surmounted is the European zonal championship in Killarney from June 15 to 29, with a record field of 27 countries competing for four qualifying places.

Raymond Brock, president of the British Bridge League, said: "So hopeful are we of finishing in the top four that we took the unprecedented step of trying to insure against the cost of sending two complete teams of six players each, plus a captain and an entourage of officials to Yokohama, where hotel rates and living costs for the two-week championships are high.

"Unfortunately, the prospective underwriters, who included one of Britain's best bridge players, evidently share our confidence. The premium required was so hefty that we decided to shoulder the risk ourselves."

Regional heats of the Garden City Trophy, the English inter-club championship for teams of eight, were held in four centres after earlier heats had been held in counties.

RESULTS: London heat: 1, Harrow Bridge Club; 2, Mayfield; 3, Amersham. Peterborough heat: 1, Bedford; 2, Lincoln, 3, Northampton. Bristol heat: 1, Menagerie BC, Oxford; 2, Shaftsbury; 3, Yeovil. Bradford heat: 1, Bolton; 2, Derby.

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BOWLS

Burden lifted by call-up to final trial

By DAVID RHYS JONES

ROBIN Burden, an Englishman, has been named on John Price's rink for the final Welsh international squad trial at Ebbw Vale, on Sunday, June 2.

RED TEAM: Rink 1: D Powell (Pontrhydyfen), M Prosser (Ely Valley), A Thomas (RTB Ebbw Vale), R Weale (Presteigne). Rink 2: W Matthews (Graig Merthyr), R Cope (Newport Athletic), R Price (Brynmawr), D Wilkins (Pontrhydyfen). Rink 3: G Ellis (Aberystwyth), S Rees (Old Landorians), R Burden (Brynhyfryd, Llanelli), J Price (Aberavon). Rink 4: A Atwood (Caerphilly), A Beer (Aberavon), J Edwards (Lampeter), T Mounty (Abertridwr).
BLUE TEAM: Rink 1: P Robins (Ely Valley), P Rolands (Penhill), B Kingdon (Brynhyfryd, Llanelli), S Wilshire (Tonypandy). Ring 2: D Vowles (Dinas Powis), I Terry (Tick Tock), T Sullivan (Old Landorians), W Thomas (Pontrhydyfen). Rink 3: A McCarley (Brynhyfryd, Llanelli), M Chard (Harlequins), M Bishop (Brynhyfryd, Llanelli), J Hoskins (Bridgend). Rink 4: N Williams (Gorseinon), J Greenslade (St Fagans), M Anstey (Abergavenny), C Lewis (Merthyr West End). Reserves: J Applegate (Ely Valley), R Jones (Builth Wells).

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Playing it again and again

By KEN LAWRENCE

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

"NO SOONER has the fooball season ended than a new one begins . . . on video," Mariella Frostrup says in *Video View* on Thames on Tuesday. "Come the end of May," she adds, "the video industry blows the whistle for extra time."

It does indeed. No sooner had extra time at Wembley last Saturday produced a Tottenham victory over Nottingham Forest than a 145-minute video was put into production. It was shipped out to shops on Wednesday and was on sale at £11.99 on Thursday.

Why, however, should people who can simply tape the BBC's match coverage and keep it as long as they wish, bother to buy a video which is, anyway, the BBC footage with John Motson's commentary?

It is a question which Grant Bovey, of Watershed, the company that produced this week's souvenir, asks and answers in Tuesday's programme, which actually goes out at 1.15 on Wednesday morning.

"Collectability" is the reason, according to Bovey. "Football supporters long to have a large video collection of their club, with a sleeve." Any doubts about that were erased after the FA Cup match earlier in the season when Liverpool drew 4-4 with Everton. Packaged as "Match of the Decade" it very quickly sold 10,000 copies.

The market is enormous. The rental arena is worth £564 million a year, with over a million rentals a day. The "sell through" business (videos sold through stores) which is still in its infancy and is growing daily, accounts for 40 million videos a year. Sport represents approximately seven per cent of this and has become, says Helen Swift, producer of *Video View*, "a major industry".

The BBC lost the right to package the Cup Final this season because the FA who claim the "rights" to the match had done a deal with Watershed. "If the Super League goes through, we will have access to every top club," Bovey says. But will they?

Paddy Toomey, of Video Collection, Watershed's biggest rival, argues that the rights problem has never been tested in court. "Clubs like Chelsea will argue that they have the rights to anything conducted on their grounds. The competitions believe that they hold them. Who can be certain?"

Meanwhile, as John Bodnar, of the BBC, argues that some sports bodies are "getting too greedy", and some companies are going to the wall the video explosion goes on. Toomey insists that there can be no control, merely "the survival of the fittest".

Watershed are determined to be just that. They have produced 25,000 copies of the 1991 FA Cup final, each one a collector's item, numbered and bearing two autographs, from a member of the Nottingham Forest and Tottenham squads.

[illegible] HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: A long day for Des Lynam — at 10.40 he introduces *Grandstand* (BBC1) with the one-day Texaco International from Old Trafford and Volvo PGA golf and 12 hours later he introduces *Match of the Day* (BBC2) with highlights of the England-Argentina match. To see the full game you need Sky Sports (2.45pm).

TOMORROW: One of the world's truly great coverages, the Indy 500, comes live on Screensport (4-8.30pm). It is preceded by a leading American athletics meeting, the Bruce Jenner Classic (2.30pm). The third day of the Volvo PGA championship comes from Wentworth during *Sunday Grandstand* (BBC2, 1.25-6pm). Scotland's second match of their rugby union tour of North America, against Canada, is dissected by Eddie Butler and Gordon Brown (ITV, 2pm). Take a look at Kabaddi (Channel 4, 6pm): Even though he can't get a bet on it, Henry Kelly rates it just great.

MONDAY: You know it must be a bank holiday — BBC is loaded down with sport. *Grandstand* (BBC1, 10.40am-5.05pm) features the final one-day international against West Indies from Lord's and the final round of the PGA golf. Channel 4 brings you Sandown racing (2.30pm).

TUESDAY: Watch *Video View* (ITV, 1.15am) before you go to bed. The England and Crystal Palace forward, Ian Wright, who is starring in his own instructional tape, admits to being a video freak. "I could watch goals hitting the back of the net all day long," he says.

WEDNESDAY: Chris Waddle tries for a European Cup winner's medal as Marseilles take on Red Star Belgrade (BBC1 7pm). Ball-by-ball coverage of the Lancashire-Northampton Benson and Hedges cricket cup quarter-final is on Sky Sports (from 10.30am).

THURSDAY: Show jumping from Hickstead is introduced by David Vine (BBC2, 4-5.30).

FRIDAY: The Dunhill Masters golf at Woburn and show jumping dominates BBC. The golf begins on BBC1 at 11.05 and BBC2 opens up at Hickstead at 1.35pm. Jimmy White and Steve James clash in the Matchroom snooker league (live on Sky Sports, 8pm).

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Today

CRICKET

Texaco Trophy
Second one-day international
10.45, 55 overs
OLD TRAFFORD: England v West Indies.

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Sussex.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Surrey.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Derbyshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Middlesex
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire.

Other match
11.30 to 6.30
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Worcestershire.

FOOTBALL

England Challenge Cup
England v Argentina (at Wembley, 3.0)
UNDER-15 SCHOOLS INTERNATIONALS: The Netherlands v England at Utrecht (4.0); France v Wales at Lille (6.30).

BOWLS

COUNTY: Home Counties League: Oxfordshire v Middlesex (South Oxford). Inter-county: Bedfordshire v Worcestershire (at Maulden); Gloucestershire v Berkshire (Gloucester ICI). Eastern Counties League: Hertfordshire v Huntingdonshire (St Albans). Muras Cup: Northumberland v Durham (Morpeth St George's). Alsop Cup: Durham v Northumberland (Ashbrooke). Middleton Cup trials: Kent (Hartley); Somerset (Victoria), Surrey (Croydon). County competitions: Essex (Arefight and Writtle)

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials (Great Park).
GOLF: Volvo PGA Championship (Wentworth).
HANG GLIDING: Women's British championships (Peak District).
POLO: Gerald Balding Cup (Cirencester Park); BMW Prince of Wales Trophy (RCBPC, Winkfield); Queen's Cup (Guards, Windsor): Edinburgh Tournament (Edinburgh).
YACHTING: Royal Lymington Cup international match racing (Lymington); International dart national championships (South Caernarvonshire YC)

Tomorrow

CRICKET

Refuge Assurance League
2.0, 40 overs
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Sussex.
SWINDON: Gloucestershire v Hampshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Derbyshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Middlesex.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Essex.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Sleaford: Lincolnshire v Hertfordshire. Jesmond: Northumberland v Bedfordshire. Llanelli: Wales v Oxfordshire

FOOTBALL

Leyland Daf Cup
Final
Birmingham v Tranmere (Wembley, 3.0)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Hoods v Bristol Packers; Gateshead Senators v Glasgow Lions; Blackpool Falcons v Birmingham Bulls; Northants Storm v Manchester Spartans; Brighton B52's v Essex Gladiators; London Olympians v Licester Panthers. Second division: Medway Mustangs v West London Aces; Cardiff Mets v SMC Admirals; Milton Keynes Pioneers v Redditch Arrows; Stoke Spitfires v Coventry Jaguars

AUSTRALIAN RULES

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Thames Valley Magpies v London Hawks (Queen's Avenue, 2.30); East Midlands Eagles v North London Lions (Aylestone Park, Leicester, 1.30); Wandsworth Demons v Hartley Bristol Bears (Clapham Common, London, 4.0); Lea Valley Saints v Earls Court Roos (Enfield, 2.30); Sussex Swans v WL Walkabout Wildcats (Kings Manor School, Brighton, 4.0).

BOWLS

MIDDLETON CUP TRIALS: Essex (Westcliffe Essex County); Portsmouth and District v Isle of Wight (at Ventnor).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Essex Arrows v Nottingham Hornets (Townmeade, Waltham Abbey, 2.30); Cambridge Royals v Humberside Mets (Nightingale Avenue, 2.30); Nottingham Pirates v Enfield Spartans (Wilford SC, 2.30), London Athletics v Liverpool Tigers (Barn Elms, Barnes, 2.30).

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER LEAGUE: Second division cup final: Bournville v Firebrands (Milton Keynes, 12.0). League cup final: Havant v Hounslow (Milton Keynes, 2.20). Representative match: League XI v British Students (Milton Keynes, 4.20).

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Milk Race (individual time trial prologue).
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TRY THIS

Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting bank holiday

WINDSURFING: Lamb's Navy national championships: The fifth and final round of the spring series takes place this weekend at Port Eynon Beach, Gower, South Wales, which boasts some of the most demanding surfing conditions in Britain.

With the three leading sailors from the spring and autumn series' going forward to represent Britain at the world championships in Sweden later this year, competition will be its fiercest over the bank holiday.

Leading the series is the national champion, Julian Anderson, followed by the BIC world champion, Barrie Edgington, and Guy Cribb in third. In the women's series, Penny Tyler and Allison Claydon lead the field.

Competition starts today with all disciplines in the 'Top Flight' category, with all other classes taking part today and tomorrow.

EVENT DETAILS: Port Eynon beach is situated on the southern side of the Gower peninsula, and can be reached by taking junction 42 of the M4 into Swansea, before joining the A4118, which runs into Port Eynon Bay.

HANG GLIDING: British women's championships: Judy Leden, champion at national, European and world level, will be looking for her fourth successive British title in the Derbyshire Peak District this weekend.

The tournament started yesterday, and runs over four days. Among those striving to topple Leden will be Monique Ammann from Switzerland, and Britain's Kathy Rigg and Jenny Aukland. Apart from national honours, the championship carries increased significance with the British team selection due to be made on Monday evening. The six chosen will compete in the world championships in Austria in July.

The event takes place around Bamford in Derbyshire, with Mam Tor and Bradwell acting as the main launch points. Briefings will take place at 9.30 each morning at the Rising Sun public house in Bamford.

EVENT DETAILS: Bamford lies between Castleton and Hathersage on the A625 in Derbyshire, west of Sheffield. The weather is expected to be good for flying.

ARCHERY: Grand prix tournament: As one of eight domestic events which has achieved world record and ranking status, potential national and Olympic team members will be striving for a place in the shoot-off, which will decide future national teams. Competing this weekend will be the team already selected for world championships, to be held in July.

The shoot takes place in Colchester, and acts as a Federation Internationale de Tir a L'Arc (FITA) round. The origins of world archery and target colours come from Britain, and the competition will be using the traditional five colour target, with four distances will be shot, the longest being 90 metres.

Steve Hallard, the British champion, will be defending his victory here last year, while Joanne Edens and Pauline Edwards compete for supremacy in the women's championship.

EVENT DETAILS: The venue is the Mill Road rugby ground, and can be reached by taking the A12 around the north side of Colchester. From there take the A120 turn-off, and immediately onto the A1232 into Colchester. Turn right at the first set of lights, and left at the next roundabout, and the venue is on the right. Shooting starts at 9.30 today and tomorrow. Admission is free.

Strong Bond owner realises a dream with Times triumph

By RICHARD EVANS

THE TIMES
Point-to-point Championship

STRONG Bond won *The Times* Championship at Towcester yesterday after the most exciting finish in the race's five-year history.

With three horses jumping the last almost in line, the hunter chase was not decided until the last few feet of the three miles and 190 yards when Strong Bond finally got the better of Denstone Wanderer by a hard-earned neck, with Gunmetal Boy a further three lengths away third.

The victory was a dream come true for Meg Cooke, owner and breeder, as it provided her with a first winner under Rules at the first attempt.

"He didn't race last season because he had a cracked pastern," Mrs Cooke said. "He was on three legs and I never thought he would walk again. He spent the whole of last summer in his stable and was heavily bandaged," she said.

Mrs Cooke, who made the 300-mile round journey from Buckland Newton near Dorchester, bred Strong Bond from a mare given to her, called Windward II. The enforced lay-off appears to have had no ill-effects as her ten-year-old chestnut has been in fine form this season, winning two point-to-points and finishing second in another.

Nick Mitchell, son of the National Hunt trainer, Richard Mitchell, has ridden 20 point-to-point winners but yesterday's victory was also his first under rules and he punched the air in delight as he crossed the finishing line.

"I dropped my whip when I was about to give him a couple of cracks turning for home so it was a case of relying on hands and heels," Mitchell said. "We got a beautiful run on the inside turning for home and if it had not been for that I don't think we would have got up."

Denstone Wanderer, ridden by Chris Coyle, appeared to have the race at his mercy as he opened up a four-length lead with two fences left. But he began to wander, heading towards the final fence, possibly as a result of having been struck into earlier in the race. Denstone Wanderer had a nasty gash on his near hind when he returned to the unsaddling enclosure.

Mr Sponge, strongly backed before the race, and In Hand took turns to lead during the first half of the race.

Mitchell, aged 21, was always happy to track the leaders as Strong Bond's point-to-point victories this season at Milborne St Andrew and Blackmore Vale had proved to him he would stay the trip and possessed a decent turn of foot.

Despite getting close to a couple of fences down the back straight on the second circuit, the young jockey never panicked and gradually began to close the gap. "He has always been very clever at his fences and has never come close to coming down," the rider added.

Approaching the last fence he sensed victory was possible and cheered on by his father from the stands — "I could hear him" — he made it in the final strides.

Towcester details

3.46 TIMES CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CHASE (£1,843: 3m 190yd)

STRONG BOND ch h Pablond - Windward II (Mrs M Cooke) 10-11-7 Mr N Mitchell (6-1) 1.

Denstone Wanderer gr g Alias Smith - Silver Mount (Miss P Sutton) 9-11-11 Mr C Coyne (6-1) 2.

Gunmetal Boy b g Warpath - Geranium (D G Williams) 7-11-7 Mr T Rooney (6-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 3 fav In Hand (6th), 100-30 Mr Sponge (7th), 13-2 Sandstone Arch (4th), 12 Linger Al Sea (pu), 20 Skywardbound (8th), Goodbye Roscoe (5th). 9 ran. Nk, 3l, 12l, 3½l, 4l. Mrs M Cooke at Dorchester. Tote: £9.60; £2.60, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £53.30. CSF: £82.07.

Flashback to the 1,000 Guineas as Kooyonga (Lester Piggott, left) chases home Shadayid. Today, Piggott deserts Kooyonga in favour of Rua D'Oro in the Irish 1,000 Guineas

Rua D'Oro to prove Piggott right in 1,000

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

LESTER Piggott puts his classic judgement on the line this afternoon when teaming up with the unbeaten Rua D'Oro rather than Kooyonga, on whom he was runner-up to Shadayid in the General Accident 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

Although his decision may have been slightly coloured by sentiment, he would not have deserted Kooyonga had he felt that she had a much superior chance. She has been a wonderfully consistent performer so far, with four wins and two places to her credit in six starts.

Apart from the 1,000 Guineas, she sustained her only other defeat when runner-up to Rinka Das in the Cartier Million.

The form book, however, does indicate that consistency rather than brilliance may be her hallmark for Rinka Das let down the Million form when nearer last than first in the Airlie/Coolmore Irish 2,000 Guineas.

Likewise, Only Yours, who was a close fifth at Newmarket, was beaten a good deal further next time out in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches.

For these reasons, I am prepared to go along with Piggott's judgement as Rua D'Oro has shown a great deal of speed in both her starts and Vincent O'Brien was pleasantly surprised when she won her comeback race at Leopardstown, as he thought her to be badly in need of the run.

The Shadayid colours will be sported by the supplementary entry, Umniyatee. Unraced last season, she has won both her starts this term and was impressive at Ascot in beating Wilayif by 15 lengths.

Sheikh Mohammed has also made a late entry for Pastorale, but the form of her Newmarket victory does not add up to much.

Leo O'Brien, having won last Saturday with Fourstars Allstar, goes for a unique Guineas double bid with Irish Linnet. A direct form-line between her and the colt makes her about 12lb inferior so she should run a good race and could make it into the first four.

Summing up, the principals appear to be Rua D'Oro, Kooyonga, Umniyatee and Irish Linnet, and I like them in that order.

Sportsworld, a prospective Epsom Derby mount for Piggott, had his price cut from 66-1 to 25-1 yesterday prior to having his second run in today's listed Hotel Conrad Silver Race.

On his previous run here, he beat Cherry Grove Lad, a winner at Tipperary on Thursday, and Street Rebel, who finished fifth in the Irish 2,000. While the form is useful, he must win with authority to justify going to Epsom.

CURRAGH FIELD BBC1 & C4

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

3.55 GOFFS IRISH 1,000 GUINEAS

(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: Ir£121,300: 1m) (12 runners)

1 1- BLUE DAISY (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Oxx 9-0 ... R J Griffiths 9
2 3100-3 BOLD JESSIE (C) (E Cleveland) Mrs P V Doyle ... 9-0 K J Manning 11
3 14420-2 HIMIKO (Y Ito) B Hills (GB) 9-0 ... W Newnes 3
4 15222-1 INISHDALLA (C) (Mrs J Mullion) D Weld 9-0 ... M J Kinane 8
5 2-31 IRISH LINNET (A Delaney) L O'Brien (US) 9-0 ... J L Samyn 2
6 1- JULIE LA ROUSSE (M Parrish) J Oxx 9-0 ... J P Murtagh 6
7 1121-12 KOOYONGA (M Throsby) M Kauntze 9-0 ... W J O'Connor 12
8 22102 LADY OLEIN (Earl of Dunraven) C Collins 9-0 ... P Shanahan 1
9 12142-4 NORDIC SOPRANO (Mrs C Shubotham) J Bolger ... 9-0 C Roche 4
10 11 PASTORALE (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden (GB) 9-0 ... S Cauthen 10
11 1-1 RUA D'ORO (D) (Mrs M O'Brien) M V O'Brien 9-0 ... L Piggott 7
12 11 UMNIYATEE (D) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury (GB) 9-0 ... W Carson 5

BETTING: 5-2 Rua D'Oro, 7-2 Kooyonga, 5-1 Pastorale, Umniyatee, 8-1 Irish Linnet, 10-1 Inishdalla, 16-1 Blue Daisy, 20-1 Himiko, 25-1 others.

1990: IN THE GROOVE 9-0 S Cauthen (5-1) D Elsworth 12 ran

BIG-RACE FORM GUIDE

HIMIKO neck 2nd to Joli's Princess in a listed race at Kempton (1m, good).
INISHDALLA beat Title Roll ½l in a listed race here (7f, good to soft).
IRISH LINNET ½l 2nd to Tycoon's Drama in grade III Selima Stakes at Laurel Park (1m 110yd, Turf) in October, and won at Belmont Park last week. KOOYONGA 2l 2nd to Shadayid in group I General Accident 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good). PASTORALE walked over after beating Katy Ann Bee 2½l at Newmarket on debut (7f, good to firm).
RUA D'ORO beat Pennine Music 2½l in a listed race at Leopardstown (1m, good to soft). UMNIYATEE beat Wilayif 15l at Ascot (1m, good to soft).
Selection: KOOYONGA (nap)

Boutin colt pleases in Chantilly gallop

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

HECTOR Protector's work at Chantilly yesterday left Francois Boutin and Freddie Head with a growing belief that the French 2,000 Guineas winner will stay the Derby trip.

Accompanied by three stable companions, the unbeaten Woodman colt worked 11 furlongs the wrong way (left-handed) over the Prix de Diane course.

Although the early pace was slow, the last five furlongs were run at full pace with Hector Protector accelerating past the other three to win the gallop easily.

Boutin said: "Hector Protector is pleasing me more and more. I have always thought that he would be better over ten or twelve furlongs than a mile, so you can see why I am so keen to run him at Epsom."

However, Boutin did add the proviso that Stavros Niarchos has still to give the final nod to the colt's Derby participation.

Head said: "The colt is in perfect shape — he couldn't be better. You can never be sure from a horse's work whether he stays but he seems to have the gift of conserving his energy, much more so than Linamix, who ran for the stable in the Derby last year."

☐ Henry Cecil has booked Cash Asmussen to ride Charles St George's supplementary entry Hokusai in the £50,000 Prix Jean Prat at Longchamp tomorrow. Clive Brittains's Shambo (Michael Roberts) contests the Prix Vicomtesse Vigier.

Powerful Rome raid

THERE is a strong British challenge, which accounts for eight of the twenty runners, in tomorrow's £183,739 Derby Italiano in Rome.

The best of the octet looks to be the Dante Stakes second Hailsham, ridden by Steve Cauthen and trained by Clive Brittain. He is supported by Another Bob (Paul Eddery), Half A Tick (Richard Quinn), Marcus Thorpe (Michael Kinane), Prince Russanor (Willie Carson), Stone Mill (Walter Swinburn), Walim (Bruce Raymond) and Widyan (Alan Munro).

France fields Beau Sultan, the likely favourite, and Fortune's Wheel (Frankie Dettori), winner of the Italian 2,000 Guineas here last month before being demoted to fourth.

Further British interest involves Paul Kelleway's juvenile Hay Yuen (Jorge Caro) in the £20,671 Premio Alessandro Perrone (5f), Clive Brittain's Paddle Steamer (Raymond) in the £45,935 Premio Melton (6f) and John Gosden's Akeem (Santiago Soto) in the £20,671 Premio Nearco (1m).

Mr Murdoch encore

By BRIAN BEEL

A WINNER at the last meeting at Larkhill, Mr Murdoch looks to have a sound chance when he returns to that course today for the restricted race at the New Forest point-to-point.

Capolice was not inconvenienced by such going at the South Dorset and, though beaten by Mr Murdoch, should be good enough for the maiden.

Jonathan Sprake came within a few seconds of the course record on Aah Jim Boy at the Tedworth and has the choice of riding him in either the open or the adjacent.

At the Tredegar, Pip Nash has a number of possible rides in the ladies' open, her most likely mount being Parkbhride. In the men's event, Timber Tool will be hard to beat, even though his surprise conqueror at Resolven, St Helen's Boy, is also engaged.

Justin Farthing and Philip Scholfield, lying first and second respectively in the men's title race, will both be at the Dulverton East.

Scholfield does not expect to have "rides of any consequence" but Farthing has chances in the open on Highland Chatter and in the adjacent on Enchanting River.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Dulverton East Mounsey Hill Gate, 4m N of Dulverton (first race 2.00); New Forest, Larkhill, 3m NW of Amesbury (2.00); Tredegar, Llantarnam, 4m N of Newport (4.00).

WARWICK

MANDARIN

6.15 Lyndon's Linnet. 6.45 Eternal Flame. 7.15 Gilderdale. 7.45 Sinclair Boy. 8.15 The Green Girls. 8.45 Non Constat.

THUNDERER

6.15 Lyndon's Linnet. 6.45 Eternal Flame. 7.15 Knock Knock. 7.45 Clyro. 8.15 The Green Girls. 8.45 Pearl Run.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.15 PACKWOOD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,174: 5f) (8 runners)

1 06-0 BLYTON STAR 21 Miss G Rees 9-0 ... J Williams 3
2 GUIDO DA SPOLETO (B) J Scargill 9-0 ... R Hills 2
3 F-00 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 11 B Jones 9-0 ... V Smith 4
4 022 LYNDON'S LINNET 8 R Ingram 9-0 ... A Mackay 7
5 06 NO BIG DEAL 14 M Usher 9-0 ... C Rutter 8
6 00 WINGED MONARCH 7 (V) M Haynes 9-0 ... A Clark 6
7 5353 MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 5 M Channon 8-9 F Norton (7) 5
8 45- RED POPPY 191 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 ... W Hood 1

4-6 Lyndon's Linnet, 9-2 Misdemeanours Girl, 5-1 Red Poppy, 9-1 Guido Da Spoleto, 12-1 Lookinforarainbow, 16-1 others.

6.45 RADWAY CLAIMING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,962: 7f) (16)

1 -002 HELIOS 17 R Simpson 9-0 ... NON-RUNNER 9
2 -463 WAAD 33 (B,F) N Callaghan 8-11 ... J Williams 6
3 600- BARSAC 203 P Makin 8-8 ... A Clark 3
4 035- SCRAVELS SARAN 288 J Scargill 8-7 ... K Rutter (7) 5
5 433- ETERNAL FLAME 220 J Hills 8-4 ... R Hills 2
6 363- PRECIOUS AIR 158 (F) B Hills 8-2 ... D Holland (5) 1
7 0-00 YOUNG JAMES 42 J Baker 8-2 ... R Fox 13
8 0- AMIDON REVE 214 B Palling 8-0 ... R Price (5) 14
9 -600 CHARMING REPLY 25 M Usher 8-0 ... C Rutter 4
10 060- BIDDERS LOVE LANE 235 (G) R Woodhouse 7-13 F Norton (7) 7
11 -356 BUD'S BET 23 L Holt 7-13 ... A McGlone 12
12 1044 SUNLEY SPARKLE 12 M Channon 7-12 ... J Quinn 6
13 000- HOME JANE 236 R Holder 7-11 ... — 16
14 05- TOP SPINNER 329 D Haydn Jones 7-11 ... A Mackay 15
15 00-0 FIRST FOR APRIL 25 J Bradley 7-10 Wendy Jones (7) 10
16 00-0 FLORADO 16 M Blanshard 7-10 ... N Carlisle 11

5-2 Eternal Flame, 3-1 Precious Air, 7-1 Young James, 9-1 Waad, Sunley Sparkle, 12-1 Bud's Bet, 14-1 others.

7.15 LEAM HANDICAP

(Amateurs: £2,911: 1m) (25)

1 05-1 GILDERDALE 29 (D,F,G) J Hills 9-11-3 ... C Vigors (5) 7
2 -001 KNOCK KNOCK 12 (D,F,G) I Balding 6-11-3 Clare Balding 11
3 -025 CEE-JAY-AY 18 (CD,F) J Berry 4-10-13 ... — 3
4 -405 TIMES ARE HARD 15 (V,D,BF) D Burchell 7-10-13 N Miles (5) 12
5 4-00 GREEN SIDE 12 W Holden 4-10-12 Katherine Holden (5) 24
6 0-26 SAPPHIRINE 36 (B,D,F,S) R Whitaker 4-10-12 ... — 18
7 0 ALCHEMIC 15 M Robinson 7-10-9 ... S Humphreys (7) 13
8 080- AMAZAKE 150J (S) B Cambidge 4-10-9. J Cambidge 15
9 4320 BREEZED WELL 9 (F,G) C Allen 5-10-9 ... — 17
10 400- CHART CROSS 228 (F) K Bridgwater 5-10-9 S Joynes (5) 1
11 2840 CONCERT PITCH 19 (D,F,G,S) B Palling 12-10-9 Katherine Christopher (5) 14
12 45-0 DORIMAR 64 B Cambidge 4-10-9 ... Hazel Noonan (5) 23
13 2003 INTUITIVE JOE 5 (D,F) G Lewis 4-10-9 .. M Jeffries (5) 4
14 00-0 ISAMBARD 19 P Cole 4-10-9 ... Jane Allison 20
15 0-00 JUST FOR KICKS 16 (S) J J O'Neill 5-10-9 ... — 25
16 000- LONG BAY 288 (F,G) H Collingridge 8-10-9 Tanya Chapman (5) 10
17 00-0 SUPER ZOOM 11 (S) M Channon 5-10-9 Shelley Davies (5) 6
18 000- WOODLANDS GREY 8J P Pritchard 5-10-9 ... — 22
19 00-0 YELLOW METAL 77 A Denson 4-10-9 Sara Fulton (5) 21
20 0000 ALWAYS TREASURE 7 Miss G Rees 5-10-4 ... — 8
21 3-00 KINLACEY 12 (F) B McMahon 4-10-4 Stephanie Baxter (5) 19
22 2266 PRINCESS ROXANNE 5 A Bailey 4-10-4 ... — 5
23 000/ QUITE SO 10J (F) K White 7-10-4 ... Lynn Wallace 16
24 -080 ROSE GLEN 8 (G) A Bailey 5-10-4. Sharon Murgatroyd 2
25 300/ SURVIVAL KIT 1664 C Holmes 7-10-4 ... — 9

11-4 Gilderdale, 7-2 Knock Knock, 9-2 Isambard, 6-1 Sapphirine, 8-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, 10-1 Intuitive Joe, 12-1 Times Are Hard, 14-1 others.

7.45 METZELER (UK) LTD HANDICAP

(£3,786: 1m 2f 170yd) (10)

1 160- LOCH DUICH 35J (D,F) J Baker 5-9-10 ... R Price (5) 8
2 50-1 ADMIRALTY WAY 18 (D,G,S) M O'Neill 5-9-8 J Fortune 6
3 0-20 SINCLAIR BOY 18 (CD,BF,F,S) B Hills 5-9-4 D Holland (5) 1
4 00-0 PRESET 15J J Spearing 4-8-3 ... D Nicholls 10
5 62-0 CLYRO 17 (G) R Holder 3-8-13 ... A Dicks 2
6 440- WELSH SIREN 217 (F) K Bailey 5-8-9 ... R Hills 5
7 6500 SUPER MORNING 19 (D,S) G Balding 5-8-7 J Williams 4
8 2620 GLENSCAR 11 (F) J Spearing 5-7-8 ... A Garth (7) 7
9 051- STRAT'S LEGACY 220 (F) D Arbuthnot 4-7-7 .. J Quinn 9
10 30- CHESTER TERRACE 74J (G) K Bridgwater 7-7-7 R Fox 3

5-2 Sinclair Boy, 3-1 Admiralty Way, 9-2 Super Morning, 5-1 Glenscar, 7-1 Strat's Legacy, 8-1 Preset, 12-1 others.

8.15 MAN APPEAL SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,629: 6f) (10)

1 0 CALL THE BUREAU 12 G Balding 8-11 ... J Williams 3
2 503 CRANFIELD COMET 11 (B) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 2
3 021 FARHOLME LADS 4 (F) C Tinkler 8-11 ... D Nicholls 9
4 6 MAROWINS 15 M O'Neill 8-11 ... J Fortune 1
5 145 MIGHTY-Q 14 (C,G) M Channon 8-11 ... J Quinn 5
6 PRIORY PIPER K Bridgwater 8-11 ... R Fox 6
7 5 ROMANTIC DANCER 14 R Curtis 8-11 ... C Rutter 4
8 0 BELLA RISK 22 N Callaghan 8-6 ... D Holland (5) 7
9 00 ROCKY BAY 28 D Haydn Jones 8-6 ... A Mackay 8
10 2 THE GREEN GIRLS 14 R Akehurst 8-6 ... R Hills 10

3-1 The Green Girls, 3-1 Bella Risk, 4-1 Call The Bureau, 7-1 Marowins, 8-1 Romantic Dancer, 10-1 Farholme Lads, 12-1 others.

8.45 BANBURY HANDICAP

(£3,582: 1m 6f 180yd) (10)

1 241- GIPPESWYCK LADY 208 (D,G,S) M Tompkins 4-8-10 C Hodgson (5) 7
2 5333 TRIPLICATE 14 (B) J Dunlop 5-9-3 ... D Holland (5) 5
3 1005 NON CONSTAT 8 (CD,F,G) R Ingram 7-8-13. A Mackay 6
4 0-25 WHITE RIVER 40 (BF,F) D Haydn Jones 5-8-6 J Williams 4
5 -000 PHIL-BLAKE 10 C Horgan 4-8-5 ... A Clark 1
6 3000 PEARL RUN 17 (CD,F,G,S) E Alston 10-8-3 ... R Hills 8
7 40-0 WICK POUND 44J (B,C,F) J Old 5-7-13 ... R Fox 9
8 6-00 LADY WESTGATE 3 (F,G) G Balding 7-7-7 ... N Carlisle 3
9 16/0 SATURN MOON 26 (F) Mrs A Knight 6-7-7 ... J Quinn 10
10 00-0 INFEB 38 J Spearing 4-7-7 ... A Garth (7) 2

13-8 Gippeswyck Lady, 11-4 Triplicate, 6-1 Non Constat, 8-1 White River, 10-1 Phil-Blake, Lady Westgate, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Berry, 19 winners from 82 runners, 23.2%; C Tinkler, 3 from 15, 20.0%; N A Callaghan, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J L Dunlop, 14 from 73, 19.2%; A Bailey, 5 from 31, 16.1%; B W Hills, 14 from 87, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: J Carroll, 8 winners from 23 rides, 34.8%; D Nicholls, 6 from 21, 28.6%; D Holland, 3 from 18, 16.7%; S Whitworth, 13 from 109, 11.9%. (Only qualifiers).

Cruz slams 'disgrace'

JOCKEY Tony Cruz is to appeal to the Jockey Club after the Haydock stewards refused to award head runner-up Starlight Flyer victory in the Daresbury Handicap. "I have been in racing 17 years and have never seen a decision like this. It's a disgrace," Cruz said. Eventual winner Sharp N' Smooth, under Willie Carson, veered off the rails fifty yards out and collided with Starlight Flyer.

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN

6.30 Wallangriff. 7.00 Saint Caligula. 7.30 Hackforth. 8.00 Run And Deliver. 8.30 Don't Cry. 9.00 Scarlet Express.

THUNDERER

6.30 Wallangriff. 7.00 Saint Caligula. 7.30 Hackforth. 8.00 Prosequendo. 8.30 En Attendant. 9.00 Demokos.

GOING: STANDARD
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 GUNN HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £2,521: 5f) (11 runners)

1 2156 WALLANGRIFF 58 (C) N Callaghan 9-7 ... M Hills 3
2 0-05 LADY OF THE FEN 5 (D,F) Mrs N Macauley 8-10 S Keightley 2
3 -801 COLWAY ANN 7 (CD) A Stringer 8-8 ... S Maloney (5) 1
4 0-22 ASHGROVE CHERRY 5 B McMahon 8-8 ... B Raymond 5
5 0-00 NORTHGATE GIRL 5 M Brittain 8-8 ... — 11
6 0606 PICK AND CHOOSE 21 (V) J Leigh 8-7 ... A Culhane 6
7 40-0 SENTIMENTALITY 12 (D,G) K Ivory 8-6 ... G Duffield 4
8 -056 MORE LARKS 12 (B) M James 8-3 ... A Proud 9
9 0-00 LA CASSONADE 17 M Usher 8-3 ... Dale Gibson 7
10 0600 IMITATE 36 (B,S) D Chapman 8-3 ... S Wood (3) 8
11 0-00 MOSSWOOD PRINCE 7 J Leigh 7-8 ... L Charnock 10

3-1 Ashgrove Cherry, 9-2 Colway Ann, 5-1 Lady Of The Fen, 6-1 Wallangriff, 7-1 Sentimentality, 8-1 La Cassonade, 10-1 others.

7.00 BRUCE FRENCH SELLING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,781: 7f) (16)

1 0-06 FOURSINGH 14 (B,F) J Berry 9-7 ... S Haworth (7) 4
2 30-0 RICKETTY 59 (S) M W Easterby 9-7 ... L Charnock 7
3 3160 SAINT CALIGULA 29 (B,CD,BF) M Bell 9-7 ... M Hills 14
4 00 ABLAZE 8 J Wharton 9-0 ... M Birch 16
5 CAHELIA R Guest 9-0 ... P Bretts 3
6 00 COLORADO ROCKY 16 P Felgate 9-0 ... K Darley 5
7 4600 GRECIAN REBEL 25 D Wintle 9-0 ... C Pollard (7) 1
8 6-03 NISHCOR 29 (BF) Miss S Hall 9-0 ... N Connorton 2
9 0-00 BELLE OF STEEL 25 D Haydn Jones 8-9 S Wood (3) 10
10 300 DOSHA 16 R O'Sullivan 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 15
11 FRANCIS ANN J Bottomley 8-9 ... J Lowe 13
12 -045 GODS GIFT 16 K Ivory 8-9 ... G Bardwell 8
13 0-00 GREEN'S MOILLON 25 J Harris 8-9 ... K Fallon 12
14 6060 MIDAS BLUE 16 A Bailey 8-9 ... A Tucker (5) 11
15 -550 PLEASE PLEASE ME 17 A Lee 8-9 ... Dale Gibson 6
16 50-0 TENDER REACH 25 R Voorspuy 8-9 ... Jaki Houston 9

3-1 Saint Caligula, 4-1 Ricketty, 5-1 Nishcor, 6-1 Dosha, 7-1 Please Please Me, 8-1 Foursingh, 12-1 others.

7.30 LARWOOD HANDICAP (£2,629: 7f) (16)

1 0001 HACKFORTH 7 (B,CD,F,G) C Tinkler 5-9-12 .. M Birch 14
2 00-4 ATLANTIC CLEAR 16 J Banks 4-9-4 ... G Hind (3) 9
3 0050 TIMIDE ESPION 16 (G,S) D Chapman 5-8-3 ... K Fallon 6
4 023- FOR REAL 186 (F,G) J Etherington 4-8-0 ... K Darley 2
5 2-00 NEVADA MIX 16 (D,F,G) N Gaselee 7-8-13 Dale Gibson 11
6 -022 AL SHAREEF 37 (BF,S) D Burchell 6-8-9 Dean McKeown 4
7 3500 SCOTS LAW 33 (D,F) R O'Sullivan 4-8-9 ... D Biggs (5) 7
8 0/10 MY CONCORDIA 46 (C) C Broad 5-8-8 ... A Tucker (5) 15
9 0000 VITE VITE 15 (D,F) D Morrill 5-8-8 ... Alex Greaves (3) 16
10 0-00 LE SAULE D'OR 25 (F) B McMath 4-8-6 ... B Crossley 3
11 00-0 MISTRESS CARROLL 15J (D,F) J O'Shea 4-8-5 J Fanning (5) 1
12 -000 NOTHING'S FREE 28 (B) M W Easterby 4-8-2 L Charnock 12
13 00-0 BAY CHIMES 23 J Hetherton 4-8-2 ... J Lowe 10
14 -000 FIRST FLUSH 17 (C,D,G) K Ivory 5-8-2 ... G Bardwell 5
15 04/0 QUALITAIR FLYER 38 (F,S) J Bottomley 9-7-12 Paul Burke 8
16 0000 SCIACCA 11 S Mellor 4-7-12 ... Dana Mellor 13

4-1 Hackforth, 5-1 Al Shareef, 6-1 Atlantic Clear, 7-1 For Real, 8-1 Nothing's Free, 10-1 Scots Law, 12-1 Nevada Mix, 14-1 others.

8.00 RANDALL MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,174: 1m) (11)

1 50 CITRUS KING 16 J Banks 4-9-7 ... G Bardwell 8
2 GREAT PRECOCITY (B) F Lee 4-9-7 ... P Hill 1
3 3 PROSEQUENDO 37 (BF) B Hanbury 4-9-7 B Raymond 3
4 22-5 CALL AT EIGHT 8 (B) J Etherington 3-8-9 ... K Darley 6
5 LAST LION J Gosden 3-8-9 ... G Hind (3) 7
6 0 RAHEEB 10 N Callaghan 3-8-9 ... S Keightley 9
7 00- REGAL ROMPER 227 F Lee 3-8-9 ... R Lappin 4
8 5 RUN AND DELIVER 23 M Stoute 3-8-9 ... M Birch 5
9 LIANNE RISE Miss H Knight 3-8-4 ... A Tucker (5) 2
10 00 SAPPHIRE BREEZE 26 Mrs L Piggott 3-8-4 B Crossley 11
11 VISITING ROYALTY N Graham 3-8-4 Dean McKeown 10

6-4 Run And Deliver, 7-2 Last Lion, 9-2 Prosequendo, 7-1 Visiting Royalty, 10-1 Call At Eight, 12-1 others.

8.30 BROAD MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,174: 1m 3f) (15)

1 000- CARABALI DANCER 226 D Garraton 9-0 ... G Hind (3) 9
2 53 EN ATTENDANT 26 (BF) B Hanbury 9-0 ... B Raymond 1
3 6 FLYING CONNECTION 12 M Stoute 9-0 ... P D'Arcy 8
4 05-4 FRANSYLCO 16 J Etherington 9-0 ... K Darley 11
5 4-00 INDEPENDENT AIR 14 (V) D Thom 9-0 ... G Baxter 6
6 -323 INFERRING 81 (BF) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 ... B Crossley 14
7 JINSKY'S JEWEL R Thompson 9-0 ... Paul Burke 13
8 0 JOHN SHAW 16 W Haggas 9-0 ... M Hills 2
9 0-00 LITTLE CONKER 12 A Smith 9-0 ... S Webster 10
10 00- MALENOIR 196 M Bell 9-0 ... K Fallon 12
11 45-0 RYECOVE 16 R O'Sullivan 9-0 ... D Biggs (5) 4
12 6003 STROUBIA 7 (B) N Callaghan 9-0 ... S Keightley 15
13 04-5 TWO BADGES 8 R Ingram 9-0 ... C Dwyer 3
14 206 DON'T CRY 17 J Bethell 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 7
15 00 RESTAPOUR 19 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 ... G Duffield 5

9-4 Don't Cry, 4-1 En Attendant, 5-1 Flying Connection, 7-1 Inferring, 8-1 Stroubia, 10-1 Fransylco, 12-1 others.

9.00 VOCE HANDICAP (£2,499: 1m 6f) (12)

1 -004 COUTURE INNOVATORS 25 (CD) P Makin 4-9-10 T Sprake (5) 4
2 234- MATTER OF LAW 257 C Cyzer 4-9-10 Dean McKeown 8
3 22-6 MISTY GLOW 8 J Etherington 4-9-10 ... K Darley 3
4 30-4 CLOS DU BOIS 58J Mrs N Macauley 5-9-9 ... — 12
5 -430 SCARLET EXPRESS 16J J Harris 4-9-5 ... K Fallon 2
6 -000 WELCOMING ARMS 19 (B) P Calver 4-9-5 ... S Perks 5
7 0450 DEMOKOS 7 (CD,BF,F,G) A Stringer 6-9-5 B Raymond 1
8 4535 SELDOM IN 19 (C) J Wharton 5-9-0 ... J Fanning (5) 9
9 0000 ALLEZ-OOPS 8 (F) A Smith 4-9-0 ... S Webster 6
10 6060 PAS DE REEF 11 (F,G) M Brittain 4-8-9 S Maloney (5) 10
11 00-0 QUALITAIR SUPREME 17J J Bottomley 4-8-2 . J Lowe 7
12 000/ SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 514J (V,G) J Bottomley 7-7-13 G Bardwell 11

7-2 Seldom In, 4-1 Demokos, 5-1 Couture Innovators, 7-1 Scarlet Express, 8-1 Misty Glow, 10-1 Clos Du Bois, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 7 winners from 20 runners, 35.0%; P Makin, 5 from 21, 23.8%; C Cyzer, 4 from 17, 23.5%; W Haggas, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Bell, 5 from 30, 16.7%; M W Easterby, 8 from 49, 16.3%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 43 winners from 121 rides, 35.5%; T Sprake, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Fanning, 8 from 45, 17.8%; M Hills, 3 from 22, 13.6%; R Lappin, 5 from 37, 13.5%; G Duffield, 19 from 150, 12.7%.

☐ Ben Hanbury's Down The Flag (Andrezj Tylicki) and Ian Balding's Parting Moment (Alan Bond) contest the £22,491 group three Oleander Rennen over two miles at Baden-Baden today. Philip Mitchell's Sylvan Breeze (Bond) is in action in the £10,381 listed Scherping Rennen (6f) on the same card. Tomorrow's Baden-Baden meeting sees the Mark Johnston-trained Lifewatch Vision (Bobby Elliott) tackle the £22,491 group three Badener Meile.

HEXHAM

MANDARIN

2.00 Rosehip. 2.30 Azusa. 3.00 Miss Relsun. 3.30 Grey Merlin. 4.00 Speech. 4.30 Facility Letter.

THUNDERER

2.00 Rosehip. 2.30 Azusa. 3.00 Miss Relsun. 3.30 Shonk. 4.00 Speech. 4.30 Facility Letter.

GOING: HARD

2.00 JACK FAWCUS CHALLENGE CUP MAIDEN HURDLE

(Amateurs: £1,822: 3m) (12 runners)

1 P40P ATLANTIC GOLD 7 (B) J J O'Neill 7-12-0 Miss S Nicholl (7)
2 P034 BOXO 19 J Charlton 7-12-0 ... Mrs A Farrell (3)
3 00FU DICK THE SPUDDLER 24 W Bentley 6-12-0 A Lockhart (7)
4 0024 ROSEHIP 9 W A Stephenson 6-12-0 ... Mr K Johnson
5 -0P5 SOME FINGERS 19 Miss M Benson 6-12-0 ... P Craggs
6 STARMINE J Parkes 5-12-0 ... —
7 PP65 YOUNG MURPHY 14 G Coatsworth 9-12-0 ... P Johnson
8 PP00 BLUEBELL TRACK 16 (B) V Thompson 5-11-9 ... —
9 /34 LORNA'S CHOICE 21 R Lamb 7-11-9 ... G White (7)
10 0P WHO'S SILLY NOW 28 J Charlton 5-11-9 Miss P Robson (7)
11 ELLIE MINXY MOU 705F Mrs V Aconley 4-11-2 Mr M Crossland (7)
12 00P MISS JEDD 10 W Young 4-11-2 ... R Shiels (5)

11-4 Atlantic Gold, 7-2 Rosehip, 9-2 Young Murphy, 6-1 Lorna's Choice, 8-1 Some Fingers, 10-1 Boxo, 12-1 others.

2.30 HILLTOP NOVICES CHASE

(£2,173: 2m) (6)

1 601U AZUSA 16 (CD,BF,F,G) M Hammond 8-12-4 ... P Niven
2 -536 DARK EMPEROR 16 (C,S) W A Stephenson 10-11-4 C Grant
3 523U MALICHO 16 (G) T Donnelly 8-11-4 ... C Kellett
4 0583 MOORLANDER 18 W Tinning 6-11-4 ... S Turner
5 U-00 UNCLE OLIVER 16 (CD,F,G,S) V Thompson 10-11-4 K Jones
6 -00P JUST PRETEND 25 V Thompson 7-10-13 ... N Smith (5)

9-4 Azusa, 100-30 Dark Emperor, 4-1 Moorlander, 6-1 Malicho, 8-1 Uncle Oliver, 10-1 Just Pretend.

3.00 JOURNAL RACING EXTRA HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,796: 2m) (4)

1 12-4 MISS RELSUN 4F (D,F) C Thornton 7-11-10 D Wilkinson
2 3482 CHESWOLD 9 (CD,F,S) J Johnson 7-10-13 A S Smith (3)
3 6214 TINA'S BRIG 9 (CD,F,G,S) C Parker 10-10-4 M Moloney (3)
4 S045 ELLIE ON 21 (D,F,S) J Goulding 8-10-0 ... C Dennis (3)

6-4 Miss Relsun, 7-4 Cheswold, 3-1 Tina's Brig, 8-1 Ellie On.

3.30 SHIRE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,939: 2m) (8)

1 P014 SHONK 21 (CD,F) G Moore 6-11-10 ... N Bentley (7)
2 0000 JASMIN PATH 16 (D,G) O Brennan 6-11-10 .. M Brennan
3 P000 SEXY MOVER 5F (D,S) W Storey 4-11-8 ... K Doolan
4 5345 GREY MERLIN 21F (D,S) A Harrison 4-11-5 F Murtagh (7)
5 50P4 LAHARNA GIRL 14 (F,S) G Oldroyd 7-11-3 ... B McGill
6 0060 STARLIGHT WONDER 62 R Barr 5-10-7 ... N Smith (5)
7 6006 BISHOPSFORD 21 N Waggott 5-10-4 Miss T Waggott (7)
8 P400 RUADH ADHAR 10 L Lungo 5-10-0 ...

9-4 Jasmin Path, 7-2 Shonk, 11-2 Grey Merlin, 7-1 Laharna Girl, 10-1 Bishopford, Sexy Mover, Starlight Wonder, 12-1 Ruadh Adhar.

4.00 GREENRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,529: 2m 4f) (6)

1 4233 MAREJO 9 (G,S) F Walton 10-11-12 ... R Hodge (7)
2 5322 SPEECH 17 (CD,BF,F) W A Stephenson 8-11-6. C Grant
3 0442 IMPERTAIN 14 (CD,F) T Cunningham 11-10-7 S Cunningham
4 014U BORDER OAK 14 (CD,F) J Charlton 9-10-5 J O'Gorman (3)
5 PU32 CHIPCHASE 17 (CD,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 11-10-0 L O'Hara
6 4400 DIRECT INTEREST 10 (C,F,G) Denys Smith 8-10-0 P Niven

9-4 Speech, 7-2 Marejo, 9-2 Impertain, 5-1 Border Oak, 6-1 Chipchase, 20-1 Direct Interest.

4.30 DILSTON NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,475: 2m) (3)

1 6051 LORD RINUS 21 (CD,F) J Goulding 11-12 .. C Dennis (3)
2 2421 FACILITY LETTER 21 (CD,F) G Moore 11-4 ... M Dwyer
3 000 LADY KIP 14 G Oldroyd 10-5 ... B McGill

8-13 Facility Letter, 11-8 Lord Rinus, 33-1 Lady Kip.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Moore, 29 winners from 95 runners, 30.5%; C Thornton, 3 from 12, 25.0%; M Hammond, 9 from 38, 23.7%; W A Stephenson, 55 from 308, 17.9%; J J O'Neill, 6 from 36, 16.7%, Denys Smith, 11 from 74, 14.9%.

JOCKEYS: C Grant, 49 winners from 209 rides, 23.4%; M Dwyer, 15 from 74, 20.3%; P Niven, 20 from 120, 16.7%; L O'Hara, 8 from 59, 13.6%; S Turner, 8 from 62, 12.9%; K Doolan, 8 from 69, 11.6%.

CARTMEL

MANDARIN

2.15 Rostherne. 2.50 Pinemartin. 3.25 Catch The Cross. 4.00 Highrymer. 4.35 Gentleman's Jig. 5.10 Sweet N' Twenty.

THUNDERER

2.15 Just Rose. 2.50 Pinemartin. 3.25 Catch The Cross. 4.00 Dolitino. 4.35 Isobar. 5.10 Sweet N' Twenty.

Brian Beel: 4.00 Dolitino.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.15 SLB GROUP SELLING HURDLE

(£1,971: 2m 6f) (8 runners)

1 5000 VICTORY BOY 18 (F) T Cuthbert 13-12-0 Carol Cuthbert (7)
2 -102 BURNT FINGERS 19 (G) J White 7-11-8 ... D Skyrme
3 3P00 PALLAVICINA 16 (B,F) W Clay 11-11-8 ... S J O'Neill
4 PP0F SUDBROOKE PARK 7 (S) B Richmond 13-11-8 Nicola Parker (7)
5 8403 JUST ROSE 16 (V,S) M Pipe 7-11-3 ... P Scudamore
6 0P DEE AND EM 7F M Chapman 6-11-2 Mr D Mactaggart (7)
7 FFF2 ROSTHERNE 19 R O'Leary 9-11-2 ... L Wyer
8 0305 HOLDFORTH 17 (B) W Haigh 4-10-10 ... Ger Lyons

11-8 Rostherne, 5-2 Just Rose, 5-1 Burnt Fingers, 8-1 Dee And Em, 12-1 Victory Boy, 14-1 others.

2.50 MARTEN JULIAN HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,190: 2m 1f) (6)

1 P-63 DOWNHILL RUN 7 (C,D,F,G) J Birkett 10-11-10 A Jones
2 3424 PINEMARTIN 8 (CD,BF,F,G) G Richards 8-11-8 G McCourt
3 4545 PEOPLE'S CHOICE 10 (C,F) W A Stephenson 8-10-13 A Merrigan
4 2P6P STRAIGHT DOWN 17 (CD,F,G) Mrs P Barker 14-10-12 C Hawkins
5 6U2F PRESSURE GAME 8 (B,D,F) K Burke 9-10-6 ... R Marley
6 F34P GALA LOCH 31 (G) S Payne 7-10-8 ... R Supple

Evens Pinemartin, 100-30 People's Choice, 5-1 Downhill Run, 10-1 Straight Down, 14-1 Pressure Game, 20-1 Gala Loch.

3.25 BASS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,605: 2m 6f) (4)

1 0441 CATCH THE CROSS 23 (V,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-12-0 M Foster (5)
2 2141 BREAK THE CHAIN 14 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 6-11-13 J Supple (7)
3 1PP0 TARTAN TAILOR 7 (F,G,S) G Richards 10-10-12 G McCourt
4 5665 JUSTICE LEA 18 (F) T Cuthbert 11-10-0 Carol Cuthbert (7)

Evens Catch The Cross, 2-1 Tartan Tailor, 7-2 Break The Chain, 10-1 Justice Lea.

4.00 BASS MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE

(Amateurs: £1,815: 3m 1f) (15)

1 P6-4 BURNSWARK 9 C Ramsay 10-12-0 ... D Mactaggart (7)
2 0 FLESK BRIDGE 7 Mrs C Hirst 9-12-0 ... R Hewitt (7)
3 /0-P GLENJARMI 28 J Henderson 9-12-0 ... C Sample (3)
4 0/5- GLORIOLE 645 D Fairbairn 7-12-0 ... A Robson (7)
5 5-F5 MILL KNOCK 19 J Thompson 9-12-0 ... —
6 PPP/ MY WORD IS MY BOND 1316 Mrs J Percy 11-12-0 Miss J Percy (7)
7 55/U RIVERSFIELD PARK 28 S Robinson 10-12-0 S J Robinson (7)
8 00/P VAN DER PUP 29 Miss Z Green 8-12-0 ... R Ford (7)
9 005/ BONNYBROOK 1092 Mrs S Hall 8-11-9 ... —
10 20/F BRACKAGH RUN 28 N Dean 7-11-9 ... Miss J Thurlow (7)
11 654- DOLITINO 360 Miss Z Green 7-11-9 .. Miss S Forster (7)
12 0P/ EAST ENDS LADY 728 R Dixon 8-11-9 ... —
13 4/4- HIGHRYMER 645 (B) J Brockbank 7-11-9 T Brockbank (7)
14 P00/ LITTLE ANTHEM 2214 K O'Meara 11-11-9 Mrs C Forber (7)
15 WIZABIT (B) J Harrison 10-11-9 ... C Stockton (7)

11-4 Dolitino, 7-2 Burnswark, 9-2 Wizabit, 6-1 Highrymer, 8-1 Flesk Bridge, 10-1 Van Der Pup, 12-1 others.

4.35 EMRAL STUD NOVICES CHASE

(£2,838: 2m 5f) (6)

1 P413 BUSTAMENTE 30 (D,BF,F) J White 8-11-6 ... A Jones
2 5054 CAPRICORN BLUE 14 W Barker 8-11-2 ... G Harker
3 0P52 GENTLEMAN'S JIG 7 (B,F) J Edwards 6-11-2 N Williamson
4 3220 PADDY'S GLEN 14 W Barker 14-11-2 ... R Supple
5 4413 ISOBAR 14 (F) M Chapman 5-10-13 ... W Worthington
6 3-65 TEN A PENNY 21 T Cuthbert 11-10-11 ... A Orkney

2-1 Bustamente, 3-1 Gentleman's Jig, 4-1 Isobar, 6-1 Capricorn Blue, 8-1 Paddy's Glen, 10-1 Ten A Penny.

5.10 KILROE HOMES NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,044: 2m 1f) (8)

1 1112 SWEET N' TWENTY 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-12-0 P Scudamore
2 0441 J R JONES 19 (D,F,G) Mrs A Hewitt 4-11-6 .. S J O'Neill
3 0P05 BELLAGIO BILL 19 C Bridgett 6-11-3 Mr C Hancock (7)
4 IF YOU SAY SO W A Stephenson 5-11-3 ... A Merrigan
5 050S MIGHTY SUPREMO 21 T Cuthbert 10-11-3 Carol Cuthbert (7)
6 SPENT UP D Moffatt 7-11-3 ... D J Moffatt (7)
7 -P06 COOL DI 26 (B) T Rebanks 6-10-12 ... Mr R Hale (7)
8 P SPRINGFIELD FLYER 32 D McCune 5-10-12 P Waggott (7)

11-10 Sweet N' Twenty, 3-1 J R jones, 9-2 If You Say So, 6-1 Cool Di, 8-1 Bellagio Bill, 12-1 Spent Up, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 10 winners from 19 runners, 52.6%; J Edwards, 4 from 11, 36.4%; G Richards, 16 from 45, 35.6%; W Clay, 3 from 12, 25.0%; W A Stephenson, 17 from 81, 21.0%; S Payne, 4 from 23, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 5 winners from 8 rides, 62.5%; G McCourt, 5 from 10, 50.0%; C Hawkins, 6 from 43, 14.0%. (Only qualifiers).

Racing next week

MONDAY: Sandown Park, Doncaster, Redcar, Chepstow, Leicester, Cartmel, Wetherby, Fakenham, Hereford, Huntingdon, Uttoxeter, Devon, Fontwell Park, †Hexham.
TUESDAY: †Sandown Park, Redcar, Leicester, †Uttoxeter.
WEDNESDAY: Brighton, †Ripon, Cartmel.
THURSDAY: Brighton, Carlisle.
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Shalford to cap Cochrane double

HAVING already won the two classic trials at Goodwood, Ray Cochrane can put the finishing touches to a fine week by landing a double at Haydock today on Chatain (1.30) and Shalford (2.00).

Since he is by Thatching out of a mare by Ahonoora, sprinters both, Shalford certainly has a pedigree to go hand in glove with winning the Hazlewood Foods Sandy Lane Stakes over only six furlongs.

However, it was over further that Richard Hannon raced this good colt earlier this season, taking in both the Greenham Stakes and the 2,000 Guineas. In each instance, Shalford ran well up to the point where his stamina gave out.

Having obviously thought that he would get further, Hannon was then quick to accept the fact that Shalford is a sprinter pure and simple. So he quickly brought him back to today's trip at Newbury eight days ago when he won very easily indeed.

Now that he is in the groove again, Shalford should be just a shade too sharp for Lee Artiste, who is following the same sort of route in that she also ran well up to a point in both the Fred Darling Stakes and the 1,000 Guineas.

Cochrane should also win

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

the *People-Sporting Life* Three-Year-Old Handicap on the easy Warwick winner, Chatain, where there is a disappointing turnout of six.

There is a much bigger field for the Tote Credit Silver Bowl, in which none appeals more than the bottom weight, Joli's Great.

Last time out the Mick Ryan-trained filly got into all the trouble imaginable at York before she eventually finished a creditable fourth to Emilia Romagna. The time before, she was a good second at Kempton to Possessive Dancer, who went on to win the Italian Oaks last Sunday.

Smart recruit that Cardinal Point looked at York when he made that impressive debut ten days ago, I cannot see him giving nearly two stone to Joli's Great.

Nevertheless, a good run from Cardinal Point will highlight the excellent chance that High Low has of winning the Frickley Maiden Stakes at Doncaster.

It was in that same race at York that this William Haggas-trained colt performed with sufficient promise to suggest that a race such as today's should be his for the taking, even though Pat Eddery will be hopeful of winning it for Khaled Abdulla on Roofing.

In my view, the champion jockey's best chance today lies with Magnified who is napped to win the Zetland Maiden Stakes on the strength of that promising run behind Young Senor at York.

At Kempton, Luca Cumani's one-time Derby hope Suomi will be out to redeem himself, after that disappointing effort at Sandown, when he contests the Crawley Warren Heron Stakes. But I prefer Sapieha, who finished third in the French 2,000 Guineas.

HAYDOCK PARK

MANDARIN
1.30 Chatain.
2.00 Shalford.
2.30 Joli's Great.
3.00 Warm Feeling.
3.30 Corn Futures.
4.00 Seek A Fortune.
4.30 Unassuming.

THUNDERER
1.30 Chatain.
2.00 Shalford.
2.30 Lovealoch.
3.00 Warm Feeling.
3.30 Stervian.
4.00 Seek A Fortune.
4.30 Shimmering Scarlet.

MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 SHALFORD (nap).
2.30 Gymcrak Premiere.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 JOLI'S GREAT.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

1.30 PEOPLE-SPORTING LIFE CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAP

BBC1

(3-Y-O: £5,390: 7f 40yd) (6 runners)

101	(3)	1	CHATAIN 19 (D,F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-7	R Cochrane	95
102	(4)	1430-5	PANIKIN 12 (D) (P Lambert) J Wharton 9-6	M Birch	98
103	(6)	15-04	COLWAY DOMINION 19 (G) (K Stringer) J Watts 8-13	Dean McKeown	92
104	(1)	561-60	REED BED 14 (G) (C Hamer) R Hannon 8-12	B Rouse	97
105	(5)	3-01460	THE CUCKOO'S NEST 21 (D,S) (Kings Bloodstock Ltd) C Brittain 8-2	B Doyle (5)	● 99
106	(2)	0020-01	WSOM 19 (D,F) (C Murphy) M O'Neill 8-7	J Fortune	98

BETTING: 5-4 Chatain, 9-4 Colway Dominion, 9-2 Wsom, 7-1 The Cuckoo's Nest, 12-1 Reed Bed.

1990: LOCAL DERBY 9-3 D McKeown (9-2) J Watts 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHATAIN comfortably beat Akkazao 1l in Warwick maiden (7f, good to firm). PANIKIN 4¼l 5th to Fateful at Wolverhampton (7f, good to firm).
REED BED 12th of 13 to Arturian at Newmarket (6f); earlier beat Paper Dart 5l at Lingfield (6f, good) last October. THE CUCKOO'S NEST 10l 6th to Scottish Castle on penultimate start at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). WSOM beat Conquista 1l at Warwick (7f, good to firm).
Selection: CHATAIN

2.00 HAZLEWOOD FOODS SANDY LANE STAKES

BBC1

(Listed Race: 3-Y-O: £11,355: 6f) (10 runners)

201	(1)	1116-50	ANJIZ 21 (D,F,G) (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-0	B Raymond	91
202	(2)	0445-10	REGAL CREST 56 (G,S) (R Leah) J Berry 9-0	M Hills	87
203	(6)	3135-40	CLOCHE D'OR 23 (D,F) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 8-12	G Greslock	89
204	(9)	1-0	ISLAND UNIVERSE 37 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-11	J Fortune	95
205	(8)	4120-36	RHYTHMIC DANCER 36 (C,F) (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	78
206	(5)	23-6801	SHALFORD 8 (D,F,G,S) (D Cock) R Hannon 8-11	R Cochrane	97
207	(7)	21334-0	VINTAGE ONLY 9 (C,D,F,G)) (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11	Dean McKeown	93
208	(4)	211135-	SEDUCTRESS 276 (D,F,G) (J Greetham) M Stoute 8-9	M Birch	86
209	(3)	1680-15	AMBER MILL 9 (D,F,G) (T Holdcroft) J Berry 8-6	R Hills	90
210	(10)	120-400	LEE ARTISTE 23 (D,F) (E Jameson) P Cole 8-6	G Baxter	● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Shalford, 4-1 Island Universe, 11-2 Anjiz, 8-1 Vintage Only, 10-1 Amber Mill, Cloche d'Or, 12-1 Lee Artiste, 14-1 others.

1990: FLOWER GIRL 8-8 B Marcus (4-1) H Thomson Jones 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANJIZ 5l 5th to Mystiko at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CLOCHE D'OR 2¼l 4th to Crystal Gazing at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
ISLAND UNIVERSE 10l 7th to Marju at Newmarket (1m, good to firm); earlier beat Aryih 7l at Ascot (6f, good). SHALFORD beat Savoyard 3½l at Newbury (6f, good to soft). LEE ARTISTE 17l 8th to Shadayid in 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good) with CLOCHE D'OR (6lb worse off) 3l 10th; previously 4l 4th to Shadayid at Newbury (7f 60yd, good).
Selection: LEE ARTISTE

2.30 TOTE CREDIT SILVER BOWL HANDICAP

BBC1

(3-Y-O: £19,900: 1m 40yd) (15 runners)

301	(8)	26421-1	RAPID CORACLE 26 (D,G) (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 9-7	B Rouse	91
302	(13)	1	CARDINAL POINT 10 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-6	J Carroll	91
303	(12)	124-00	SELF EXPRESSION 28 (F) (G Smart) I Balding 9-4	R Cochrane	91
304	(2)	01-5214	TAKADDUM 9 (V,G,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-3	G Baxter	92
305	(3)	02-3	JURZ 19 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	91
306	(1)	155-0	JOUD 10 (F) (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	B Raymond	90
307	(5)	2-1311	GYMCRAK PREMIERE 11 (D,F,G) (Gymcrak Racing) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	91
308	(6)	01-122	LOVEALOCH 10 (D,F,G) (A Lillingston) M Bell 8-11	M Hills	91
309	(11)	40-3	COLOUR SERGEANT 26 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-4	Dale Gibson	88
310	(4)	35401-	TAKE TWO 226 (D,F) (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 8-3	Dean McKeown	86
311	(15)	6010-5	FANCY ME 16 (G) (H Steckmest) W Jarvis 8-2	J Quinn	89
312	(14)	3613	ROUSITTO 4 (S) (Mrs G Maloney) K Ivory 7-13	T Williams	98
313	(7)	265-	FAST-TALKIN TINKER 243 (E Madden) G Richards 7-13	E Johnson	93
314	(10)	410-4	HAJAIM 16 (F) (Saeed Manana) C Brittain 7-12	B Doyle (5)	94
315	(9)	00-4324	JOLI'S GREAT 10 (Enterprise Markets Ltd) M Ryan 7-7	F Norton (7)	● 99

BETTING: 5-1 Takaddum, 11-2 Cardinal Point, 13-2 Gymcrak Premiere, 8-1 Jurz, Rousitto, 9-1 Joli's Great, Rapid Coracle, 10-1 Lovealoch, Joud, 12-1 Self Expression, 14-1 others.

1990: CASHTAL DAZZLER 7-7 L Charnock (14-1) J Berry 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAPID CORACLE beat Fraar ½l at Sandown (1m, good) with SELF EXPRESSION (9lb better off) 5½l 7th. CARDINAL POINT beat Ajaad hd at York (7f). TAKADDUM 1½l 4th to Rocton North at York (7f, good to firm). JURZ 4l 3rd to Cooley's Valve in Kempton maiden (1m, good). GYMCRAK PREMIERE beat Pay Homage ¾l at York (1m 1f, good to firm). LOVEALOCH 2½l 2nd to Emilia Romagna at York (1m, good to firm) with JOLI'S GREAT (1lb better off) 1l 4th and JOUD 14th. COLOUR SERGEANT 7½l 3rd to Sheikh Albadou in Pontefract maiden (6f, firm). HAJAIM 5½l 4th to Vilany at Chester (7f, good) with FANCY ME (same terms) 2½l 5th.
Selection: ROUSITTO

3.00 F H LEE 25th ANNIVERSARY LYMM STAKES (£7,115: 2m 35yd) (6 runners)

401	(4)	450/10/	ARDEN 404J (CD,F,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) C Brooks 7-9-4	B Raymond	—
402	(6)	41/6/0	EDIMBOURG 7 (S) (A Richards) C Brittain 5-9-1	M Birch	—
403	(1)	42354-3	REGAL REFORM 23 (CD,F,S) (R Wheeler) G Moore 8-9-1	Dean McKeown	80
404	(2)	144-122	WARM FEELING 16 (BF,G,S) (R Upton) B Hills 4-8-13	M Hills	● 99
405	(5)		ROCKY ROMANCE 42J (Mrs S McGarvie) R Curtis 4-8-9	B Rouse	—
406	(3)	2/2463-0	PHILJOY 11 (C Barber-Lomax) C W Elsey 5-8-6	G Baxter	52

BETTING: 8-13 Warm Feeling, 6-4 Regal Reform, 16-1 Edimbourg, 20-1 Arden, 25-1 Philjoy, 50-1 Rocky Romance.

1990: REGAL REFORM 7-9-5 D McKeown (11-4) G Moore 6 ran

3.30 BE FRIENDLY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,012: 6f) (17 runners)

501	(8)	166100-	SWINGAWAY LADY 210 (D,F,S) (E Madden) G Richards 9-7	E Johnson	85
502	(10)	6155-40	ATHENIAN KING 40 (D,F) (M Ylapatos) C Tinkler 9-7	M Birch	89
503	(17)	5210-2	CORN FUTURES 19 (D,S) (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 9-5	R Hills	94
504	(4)	010-00	GARTH 18 (F) (B Whitehouse) P Makin 9-4	T Sprake (5)	84
505	(14)	0015-42	SAMSOLOM 19 (BF,F) (Mrs S Glover) J Glover 9-2	M Hills	94
506	(12)	010204	FRIENDLY CLAIM 8 (D,F,G) (S Woodall) T Barron 9-1	Alex Greaves (3)	98
507	(2)	1405-01	GLENFIELD GRETA 15 (C,D,F) (P Felgate) P Felgate 9-0	F Norton (7)	● 99
508	(15)	5210-0	SACQUE 19 (G) (Sir William McAlpine) D Morley 8-13	B Raymond	90
509	(7)	11-5	GO TALLY-HO 26 (B,F) (Mrs C Berry) J Berry 8-12	J Carroll	91
510	(6)	6-06	STERVIAN 17 (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-10	R Cochrane	86
511	(3)	30204-5	CHARLAFRIVOLA 29 (Mrs C Hatton) F Lee 8-9	—	86
512	(9)	14000-0	NORTHERN SPARK 11 (G) (G Brittain) C Thornton 8-5	J Fanning (5)	91
513	(16)	04-0	DOMINIE STAR 39 (J Hunt) R Whitaker 8-5	A Culhane	82
514	(1)	60034-	VELOCE 239 (M Gonzalez) M O'Neill 8-5	J Fortune	87
515	(5)	06-43	MARTINA 12 (M Yarrow) J Wharton 8-0	Dale Gibson	95
516	(13)	314-050	PETROPOWER 7 (G) (Oaklea Bloodstock Ltd) M O'Neill 7-11	R Fox	87
517	(11)	000-650	MINIZEN MUSIC 23 (F) (M Britain) M Brittain 7-7	J Quinn	92

Long handicap: Minizen Music 7-6.

BETTING: 9-2 Glenfield Greta, 5-1 Corn Futures, 11-2 Samsolom, 7-1 Go Tally-Ho, Stervian, 10-1 Garth, 12-1 Swingaway Lady, Friendly Claim, Dominie Star, 14-1 others.

1990: PILGRIM'S PATH 8-5 J Williams (4-1) G Balding 16 ran

4.00 EBF SKELMERSDALE MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £2,684: 5f) (7 runners)

601	(1)	FLETCHINNI (P Green) M O'Neill 9-0	J Fortune	—
602	(6)	HAYBURY (Mrs J Hayter) B Hanbury 9-0	S Keightley	—
603	(3)	MISUNDERSTANDING (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	M Birch	—
604	(5)	PEACE PLANTATION (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	M Hills	—
605	(2)	POWER LAKE (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 9-0	B Raymond	—
606	(7)	SEEK A FORTUNE (R Sangster) J Berry 9-0	J Carroll	—
607	(4)	TAMIM (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	—

BETTING: 9-4 Power Lake, 3-1 Seek A Fortune, 7-2 Tamim, 5-1 Haybury, 8-1 Peace Plantation, 12-1 others.

1990: RHYTHMIC DANCER 9-0 J Carroll (11-4) J Berry 8 ran

4.30 CAMPSIE SPRING APPRENTICE HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,076: 1m 2f 130yd) (12 runners)

1	(3)	630-00	MABTHUL 5 (B) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-7	E Bentley (7)	89
2	(4)	05-1253	MARDESSA 14 (D,G) (G Lee) F Lee 9-5	C Hodgson (3)	92
3	(12)	400-42	SHIMMERING SCARLET 15 (T Cox) T Barron 9-5	Alex Greaves	88
4	(5)	246	COUSIN ELLY 17 (D Newton) P Evans 9-5	A Tucker (3)	91
5	(11)	000-141	LATIN QUARTET 17 (D,G,S) (A Shead) W Haggas 9-5	W Litwin (7)	90
6	(2)	0060-0	BLACKWELLS GALLERY 39 (Mrs D Blackwell) R Hannon 9-3	D Gibbs (7)	84
7	(9)	022-021	RIVE-JUMELLE 14 (D,G) (M Fitzgerald) M Bell 9-1	P Turner (7)	● 99
8	(7)	234200	KHOJOHN 17 (V) (C Barber-Lomax) C W Elsey 8-10	G Husband	96
9	(8)	000-141	UNASSUMING 26 (F,S) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 8-10	D Biggs	91
10	(1)	-000-250	MISTER GOFF 14 (B) (P & M Syndicate) S Norton 8-8	J Fanning	88
11	(6)	0-585	PAVERS GOOD SHOES 16 (M Paver) M Brittain 8-7	S Maloney (3)	83
12	(10)	54-2106	DRINKS PARTY 11 (F,S) (D Edge) J Wharton 8-6	N Kennedy (3)	98

BETTING: 3-1 Rive-Jumelle, 7-2 Unassuming, 5-1 Latin Quartet, 6-1 Mardessa, 7-1 Khojohn, 10-1 others.

1990: DUGGAN 8-6 D Biggs (15-8 fav) R Williams 13 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Charlton	3	6	50.0	M Hills	18	94	19.1
J Gosden	7	25	28.0	R Cochrane	16	92	17.4
L Cumani	17	78	21.8	Dean McKeown	18	134	13.4
B Hills	27	128	21.1	R Hills	16	128	12.5
H Thomson Jones	15	71	21.1	B Raymond	17	141	12.1
B Hanbury	12	60	20.0	(Only qualifiers)			

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

KEMPTON PARK

MANDARIN
2.10 Casteddu.
2.40 White Witch.
3.10 Retouch.
3.40 Sapieha.
4.10 Loft Boy.
4.30 Western Dynasty.

THUNDERER
2.10 Sure Shot Norman.
2.40 Ameerat Jumaira.
3.10 Retouch.
3.40 Sapieha.
4.10 Divine Pet.
4.40 Belsalaama.

MICHAEL SEELY
3.40 Sapieha.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 White Witch.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.10 NEW ENGLAND GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,626: 6f) (11 runners)

1	(3)	14	DON'T LEAVE ME 24 (C,G) (D Barker) G Lewis 9-3	Paul Eddery	81
2	(9)	213	SPANISH STORM 22 (G) (V Sujanani) A Hide 9-3	—	● 98
3	(11)	13	VANBOROUGH LAD 45 (S) (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 9-3	J Williams	81
4	(5)	4	CASTEDDU 21 (E Landi) J Payne 8-11	A Munro	83
5	(6)	0	NATIVE CHIEFTAN 37 (B Nielsen) R Hannon 8-11	M Roberts	—
6	(1)		AUSTRALART (Maclane Racing) W O'Gorman 8-7	W R Swinburn	—
7	(10)		BILLY BLAZER (P Savill) M Tompkins 8-7	M Tebbutt	—
8	(7)		CAPTAIN KEN (J Bull) M Tompkins 8-7	S Whitworth	—
9	(2)		COOL SOCIETY (J Mitchell) C Nelson 8-7	D Holland (5)	—
10	(8)		INJAKA BOY (C Salcombe) R Hannon 8-7	R Perham (5)	—
11	(4)		SURE SHOT NORMAN (H & K Commissions) J Sutcliffe 8-7	L Dettori	—

BETTING: 11-4 Spanish Storm, 4-1 Vanborough Lad, 11-2 Don't Leave Me, 7-1 Australart, 8-1 Native Chieftain Casteddu. 12-1 Billy Blazer, 14-1 Injaka Boy

1990: LEVEL XING 9-3 B Rouse (5-1) R Hannon 6 ran

2.40 CALIFORNIAN MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,321: 1m) (23 runners)

1	(21)		AKATOMBO (G Amey) A Turnell 8-11	S O'Gorman (3)	—
2	(14)	35-0	ALAMIRA 38 (F Salman) P Cole 8-11	A Munro	97
3	(15)		AMEERAT JUMAIRA (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
4	(10)	6205-42	BEATLE SONG 7 (BF) (C Hill) C Hill 8-11	D Holland (5)	83
5	(5)		CARLY-B (B Linke) M Ryan 8-11	M Tebbutt	—
6	(9)		CHAMPENOISE (B Simpson) P Makin 8-11	A Clark	—
7	(4)	4	ELAINE TULLY 14 (Mrs A Cappuccini) I Balding 8-11	Paul Eddery	88
8	(12)		FEN PRINCESS (Lord Weinstock) Lord Huntingdon 8-11	W Ryan	—
9	(20)	23	GREEN'S BONHEUR 63 (BF) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 8-11	R Perham (5)	88
10	(13)	65	KILLICK 14 (K Abdulla) R Smyth 8-11	S Whitworth	● 99
11	(3)	0023-03	LARA'S BABY 14 (Larabuild Contractors) R Akehurst 8-11	Ron Hillis (3)	91
12	(16)	060-	MICHIKA 194 (Millprew Bloodstock) O O'Neill 8-11	S Dawson	80
13	(2)	4-23	MISS COOKIE 19 (R Barnett) H Candy 8-11	C Rutter	93
14	(19)		PETOSKI'S CHOICE (P King) M Ryan 8-11	M Roberts	—
15	(6)		QUEEN OF TOMORROW (Mrs V O'Brien) P Burgoyne 8-11	M Wigham	—
16	(17)	0	RAPID ROSIE 14 (R Till) P Hayward 8-11	N Carlisle	—
17	(11)	0	RUSSIAN LIAISON 28 (Cheveley Park Stud) A Scott 8-11	N Adams	—
18	(18)	0	SCOTS GREY LASSIE 10 (K Moorcroft) E Eldin 8-11	A Mackay	—
19	(1)	0-05	SIANEMA 14 (P Goulandris) D Laing 8-11	R Price (5)	83
20	(7)		TARRAS MOSS (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	A Sofley	—
21	(23)	0-	VALLAURIS 203 (Mrs D Joly) D Elsworth 8-11	J Williams	81
22	(22)	02	WHITE WITCH 17 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	96
23	(8)		ZABELINA (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11	P D'Arcy	—

BETTING: 7-4 White Witch, 5-1 Ameerat Jumaira, 13-2 Miss Cookie, 8-1 Killick, 9-1 Elaine Tully, 12-1 Russian Liaison, 14-1 Vallauris, 16-1 Fen Princess, Alamira.

1990: KADWAH 8-11 W Carson (11-8 fav) J Gosden 15 ran

3.10 CRAWLEY WARREN HANDICAP (£12,770: 2m) (11 runners)

C4

1	(2)	11360-0	SECRET WATERS 53 (F) (R Crutchley) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-10	—	87
2	(10)	5843-53	HIGH BEACON 8 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Wright) H Candy 4-9-5	C Rutter	96
3	(4)	1243-02	RETOUCH 23 (F,G) (S Wingfield Digby) P Cole 5-9-6	A Munro	98
4	(11)	3113-32	SPODE'S BLUE 11 (F,S) (Mrs L Webb) B Hanbury 4-9-3	W Ryan	97
5	(1)	01103/0-	ROYAL SQUARE 406 (D,F) (Mrs B Hearse) G Harwood 5-9-3	A Clark	—
6	(7)	1522-15	GAY GLINT 23 (BF,F) (P Jacobs) N Graham 4-8-2	W R Swinburn	94
7	(3)	642-212	ARMY OF STARS 24 (C,BF,F,G,S) (AOF Stars P'ship) C Brittain 6-8-12	M Roberts	● 99
8	(5)	44163-5	HAITHAM 19J (F) (N Barnes) R Akehurst 4-8-10	L Dettori	94
9	(6)	32-3141	RHODES 14 (F) (Kreda Partnership) J Akehurst 4-8-6	Paul Eddery	97
10	(8)	1004-53	MADAGANS GREY 15 (F,G) (Madagans Plc) R Boss 3-7-12	A Mackay	89
11	(9)	U00322	BEDOUIN PRINCE 7 (V) (M Toulson) J Harris 4-7-7	N Adams	85

Long handicap: Bedouin Prince 6-7.

BETTING: 3-1 Rhodes, 7-2 Retouch, 6-1 High Beacon, 15-2 Army Of Stars, 9-1 Spode's Blue, 10-1 Haitham, 14-1 Gay Glint, 16-1 Royal Square, Secret Waters, 25-1 Madagans Grey, Bedouin Prince.

1990: HOLY ZEAL 4-8-10 M Roberts (5-1) D Arbuthnot 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIGH BEACON less than 2l 3rd to Parting Moment at Newmarket (1m 6f, good). RETOUCH nk 2nd to Top Of The World at Newmarket (2m, good) with GAY GLINT (3lb better off) 5th. SPODE'S BLUE 3l 2nd to Further Flight at York (1m 4f, good to firm).
ARMY OF STARS ¾l 2nd to Church Missionary at Ascot (1m 4f, soft). RHODES easily beat Ashayalad 4l at Bath (2m 1f 27yd, good to firm); previously 9½l 4th to Endoli at Salisbury (1m 6f, good to soft) with HAITHAM (8lb better off) hampered and neck 5th. MADAGANS GREY 12l 3rd to Fly Away Soon at Lingfield (1m 4f, AW). BEDOUIN PRINCE 1½l 2nd to Top Villain at Southwell (1m 3f, AW).
Selection: ARMY OF STARS

3.40 CRAWLEY WARREN HERON STAKES

C4

(Listed Race: 3-Y-O: £14,175: 1m) (5 runners)

1	(3)	511-3	SAPIEHA 20 (G) (Baron G De Geer) J Fanshawe 9-3	W R Swinburn	● 99
2	(4)	1-4	SUOMI 29 (BF,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-12	L Dettori	96
3	(1)	1-1	FATEFUL 12 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-7	M Roberts	97
4	(2)	21-31	JOIE DE SOIR 32 (J Newton) R Johnson Houghton 8-7	Paul Eddery	91
5	(5)	02110-	PENNY MINT 238 (F,G) (A Norman-Thorpe) J Eustace 8-7	M Tebbutt	84

BETTING: 8-11 Sapieha, 3-1 Fateful, 7-2 Suomi, 9-1 Joie De Soir, 16-1 Penny Mint.

1990: LORD FLOREY 8-12 L Dettori (Evens fav) L Cumani 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAPIEHA ridden out to beat Red Rainbow 4l at Newbury (7f 60yd, good); latest 4l 3rd to Hector Protector in group 1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp (1m, soft).
SUOMI impressive 10l winner of maiden at Newcastle (7f, soft) in November; disappointing 3¾l 4th to Fife at Sandown (1m, good). FATEFUL pushed out to beat Akkazao 1l at Wolverhampton (7f, good to firm). JOIE DE SOIR running-on ½l 3rd to Jolis Princess over course and distance (good) in March; 5¾l 7th to same rival here (1m, good). PENNY MINT beat Allinsons Mate 1½l in valuable nursery at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) in August.
Selection: SAPIEHA

4.10 UNDERWRITING HANDICAP (£3,762: 6f) (15 runners)

C4

1	(1)	0160-00	EASY LINE 14 (CD,F,G,S) (C Potter) P Felden 8-10-0	L Dettori	91
2	(15)	363-000	JUDGEMENT CALL 11 (D,F,G) (Sprint Racing Ltd) P Howling 4-8-12	A Munro	90
3	(11)	4030-33	LOFT BOY 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B Allwright) J Bethell 8-8-11	W R Swinburn	90
4	(10)	1200-0	MARIA CAPPUCCINI 18 (F) (Mrs A Cappuccini) I Balding 3-9-7	S O'Gorman (3)	80
5	(3)	060-361	WANDA 15 (D,G) (E Mangan) K Burke 4-8-3	Ron Hillis (3)	93
6	(8)	10-2216	CRONK'S COURAGE 15 (B,CD,F,S) (Cronk Ltd) G Lewis 5-8-12	Paul Eddery	93
7	(2)	203120	VERDANT BOY 11 (D,F,G,S) (Langdale Stables) K McCauley 8-8-10	M Roberts	91
8	(7)	020-000	DARAKAH 12 (F) (C Hill) C Hill 4-8-8	D Holland (5)	● 99
9	(13)	043-000	DIVINE PET 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Taylor) W Wightman 6-8-6	J Williams	95
10	(6)	11000-0	CEE-EN-CEE 10 (V,C,D,F,G) (A Martin) M McCourt 7-8-6	C Rutter	85
11	(5)	0-00100	SUNSET DREAMS 19 (B,D,F) (T Nerses) J Czerpak 4-8-6	R Price (5)	93
12	(4)	251050	AFRICAN CHIMES 10 (D Wheatley) W O'Gorman 4-8-5	Emma O'Gorman (5)	98
13	(12)	6024-33	SAAFEND 7 (BF) (J Leisure Ltd) J Sutcliffe 3-8-4	S Whitworth	87
14	(9)	28025-0	PARTY TREAT 12 (C Batt) T Casey 3-8-1	—	85
15	(14)	0/030-0	ABRIGO 17 (B) (H Ellis) O O'Neill 4-7-9	N Adams	94

BETTING: 5-2 Loft Boy, 5-1 Wanda, 7-1 Easy Line, Saafend, Cronk's Courage, 10-1 Verdant Boy, 12-1 others.

1990: NOBLE LUSTRE 4-8-8 D Miller (16-1) C Wall 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

JUDGEMENT CALL running-on 3½l 8th to Cumbrian Waltzer at York (6f, good to firm) with VERDANT BOY (3lb better off) 3½l 13th of 15.
LOFT BOY less than ½l 3rd to Ever So Artistic at Newmarket (5f, good) with EASY LINE (3lb better off) 3½l 8th. WANDA driven out to beat Farlelu ½l at Lingfield (6f, good) with CRONK'S COURAGE (4lb better off) 3¾l 6th. CRONK'S COURAGE beat Ilsaab a nk over course and distance (good to firm) with DARAKAH (13lb better off) 8l 12th. SUNSET DREAMS beat subsequent dual winner Zaboim a hd at Folkestone (6f, firm). SAAFEND 2l 3rd to Unanimous at Lingfield (7f, good).
Selection: LOFT BOY

4.40 BROKING HANDICAP (£3,574: 1m 3f 30yd) (9 runners)

C4

1	(6)	124222	DR MACCARTER 15 (B,BF) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 4-9-12	Emma O'Gorman (5)	● 99
2	(2)	41300-0	FLOWN 18 (F) (E Winfield) R Hannon 4-8-10	M Roberts	93
3	(8)	0615-40	CASTORET 18 (S) (Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid) J Hills 5-9-6	D Holland (5)	95
4	(9)	085-086	WESTERN DYNASTY 7 (D,F,G) (M Kentish) M Ryan 5-9-4	L Dettori	91
5	(3)	041621-	SALMONID 127J (F,G,S) (R Taylor) P Cole 5-8-13	A Munro	90
6	(7)	503-	BELSALAAMA 201 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-7	W R Swinburn	83
7	(4)	3/0300-0	TAWJIH 12 (Mrs S Purcell) M Madgwick 4-7-12	S O'Gorman (3)	80
8	(1)	6-04004	XHAI 21 (B,F,S) (Dartam Racing) R Simpson 8-7-7	N Carlisle	96
9	(5)	0-00	Q-EIGHT 10 (I Al-Sagar) J Czerpak 3-7-7	N Adams	—

Long handicap: Q-Eight 6-9.

BETTING: 7-4 Belsalaama, 3-1 Salmonid, 6-1 Flown, 7-1 Castoret, 12-1 Dr Maccarter, Western Dynasty.

1990: SARYAN 7-8-11 L Dettori (5-1) B Curley 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DR MACCARTER 6l 2nd to Art Form in claimer at Lingfield (1m 4f, AW). CASTORET 4½l 4th to Army Of Stars here (1m 4f, good to firm) penultimate start.
WESTERN DYNASTY 10l 8th to Linpac West at Newbury (1m 3f, good to soft). SALMONID pushed out to beat Satin Lake 3l in claimer at Southwell (1m 4f, AW). BELSALAAMA 12l 3rd of 15 to Suomi in maiden at Newcastle (7f, soft). XHAI one-paced 4l 4th to Faldo in ladies race at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: WESTERN DYNASTY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
A Scott	8	28	28.6	D Holland	3	14	21.4
M Stoute	26	101	25.7	A Munro	11	53	20.8
J Payne	3	12	25.0	W R Swinburn	29	169	17.2
L Cumani	12	53	22.6	M Roberts	16	133	12.0
G Harwood	19	93	20.4	W Ryan	7	62	11.3

DONCASTER

MANDARIN
2.15 Choral Sundown. 2.45 MAGNIFIED (nap). 3.20 Regent Lad. 3.50 High Low. 4.20 Eire Leath-Sceal. 4.50 Axe. 5.20 Welsh Secret.

THUNDERER
2.15 Masella. 2.45 Magnified. 3.20 Regent Lad. 3.50 Roofing. 4.20 Belafonte. 4.50 Axe. 5.20 Welsh Secret.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.50 HIGH LOW (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M, LOW NUMBERS SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

2.15 BARNSLEY AND DONCASTER TEC NORTHERN RACING SCHOOL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,825: 7f) (16 runners)

1	4004	LUZUM 15 (B,D,F,S) J Glover 7-10-0	Ross Berry (8) 1
2	3-08	PUFFY 14 (C,D,F,G,S) G Moore 4-9-6	N Kennedy 10
3	/6-0	FALCON FLIGHT 19 (D,F,G) J Mackie 5-8-4	S Sanders (4) 8
4	00-3	CHORAL SUNDOWN 7 (C,F,G) B Murray 5-9-2	D Biggs 15
5	-262	CHARMING GIFT 10 R Williams 4-9-0	G Mitchell (8) 13
6	500-	LUST OF LOVE 261 (D,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-8-12	J Weaver (4) 4
7	6-40	GREY AREA 15 (B) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-12	J Marshall (4) 6
8	00-0	B GRADE 44 (S) J Balding 6-8-8	Claire Balding (4) 5
9	00-4	MASELLA 28 (G) J Hills 4-8-5	A Tucker 3
10	00-1	THATCHENNE 11 (B,CD,F) M Eckley 6-8-5	G Hind 2
11	0-44	LEAVE IT TO LIB 28 (D,F) P Calver 4-8-1	J Tate (8) 9
12	-005	AVISHAYES 12 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-13	B Lane 7
13	-000	AL BADETO 26 J Norton 4-7-12	— 14
14	3-00	MISCHIEVOUS TYKE 29 (C,F,G) A Smith 5-7-8	W Hollick (8) 16
15	0600	MR CHEEKYCHOPS 7 (D,G) M Brittan 4-7-7	R Bott (8) 11
16	000-	KIRBY'S BEST 199 G Blum 4-7-7	— 12

7-2 Charming Gift, 9-2 Masella, 5-1 Thatchenne, 6-1 Choral Sundown, 8-1 Puffy, 12-1 Leave It To Lib, 14-1 others.

2.45 EBF ZETLAND MAIDEN (2-Y-O: £2,915: 6f) (10)

1		AMAZING FEAT Mrs G Reveley 9-0	K Darley 7
2	5	BORRAM 14 D Nicholson 9-0	G Duffield 10
3	3	MAGNIFIED 9 (BF) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery 8
4	2	NIGHT DUTY 11 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	A Cruz 9
5	3	PRIMUS 25 G Wragg 9-0	G Carter 4
6	0	SAINTLY ARTIST 14 G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	N Day 5
7	0	SIR BOUDLE 28 C Nelson 9-0	B Crossley 2
8		TANCRED GRANGE Miss S Hall 9-0	N Connorton 3
9		SILVER FANTASY J Balding 8-9	L Charnock 6
10	6	SPOUT HOUSE 31 M H Easterby 8-9	J Lowe 1

11-8 Magnified, 9-4 Night Duty, 9-2 Primus, 16-1 Spout House, 20-1 Borram, Amazing Feat, 25-1 Sir Boudle, 33-1 others.

3.20 GRESLEY HANDICAP (£4,370: 1m, rnd) (10)

1	4022	REGENT LAD 14 (CD,F,G) Miss L Siddall 7-10-0	Pat Eddery 9
2	2003	DOULAB'S IMAGE 5 (B,D) J Glover 4-9-3	S D Williams (7) 1
3	15-6	URRAY ON HARRY 18 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-9-1	S Perks 6
4	4-10	HABETA 21 (CD,F,G) J Watts 5-9-0	J Bleasdale 2
5	0-00	GOLDEN TORQUE 46 (D,F,S) R Bastiman 4-8-9	Paul Burke 10
6	53-6	PERSUASIUS 37 W Pearce 3-8-7	D Nicholls 4
7	00-0	SI SAWAT 23 (D,F) M Avison 4-8-5	J Lowe 7
8	0400	GENAIR 14 (D,F) G Moore 5-8-4	K Fallon 5
9	0326	MARJONS BOY 10 (B,D,G) M Bell 4-8-4	N Day 8
10	0404	MOFADOR 14 (D,G,S) F Lee 7-8-3	R Lappin 3

13-8 Regent Lad, 7-2 Urray On Harry, 6-1 Genair, 7-1 Persuasius, 10-1 Mofador, 12-1 Marjons Boy, 14-1 Doulab's Image, 16-1 others.

3.50 FRICKLEY MAIDEN (3-Y-O: £2,959: 1m, rnd) (13)

1		ALLE-ROY M Tompkins 9-0	G Carter 6
2		BUDDY'S FRIEND R Williams 9-0	R Street 3
3	65-	CARNIVAL BABY 208 M Stoute 9-0	V Bray (7) 12
4		GRAND HAWK M Moubarak 9-0	A Cruz 7
5	3	HIGH LOW 10 W Haggas 9-0	N Day 1
6	3-	RIVER RHINE 247 H Cecil 9-0	A McGlone 4
7	5	RIVIERA RAINBOW 14 G Wragg 9-0	G Duffield 13
8	2-6	ROOFING 37 B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery 5
9	0-04	THE WADKIN 14 A Smith 9-0	S Webster 11
10	0	YIMKIN BOOKRA 19 M Francis 9-0	D Nicholls 10
11		ADELPHI PRINCESS J Watts 8-9	J Bleasdale 9
12		ADJUSTING J Watts 8-9	J Lowe 8
13		STEAMY WINDOWS R Williams 8-9	K Fallon 2

3-1 High Low, 7-2 River Rhine, 4-1 Roofing, 6-1 Carnival Baby, Riviera Rainbow, 10-1 Grand Hawk, 12-1 others.

4.20 ROSEHILL HANDICAP (£3,915: 1m 4f) (10)

1	5041	EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 4 (D,F,G) M Brittain 4-10-0 (4ex)	K Darley 5
2	00-6	PERSIAN SOLDIER 14 G Moore 4-9-4	A Cruz 7
3	03-0	DEVIOSITY 28 B Hills 4-9-1	Pat Eddery 10
4	-006	PLATINUM ROYALE 8 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-12	K Fallon 9
5	0-55	TROJAN LANCER 12 (D,F) J Scargill 5-8-11	N Day 4
6	0-32	BELAFONTE 19J R Holder 4-8-8	G Carter 8
7	5-03	AMOOD POINT 15 J Etherington 4-7-13	J Lowe 3
8	-000	BANANA CUFFLINKS 15 J Shaw 5-7-13	G Duffield 2
9	-063	SHALFA 14 Don Enrico Incisa 4-7-13	Kim Tinkler 1
10	0-00	ARIBIE 25 (G,S) R Peacock 5-7-7	S Wood (3) 6

11-4 Amood Point, 3-1 Belafonte, 11-2 Eire Leath-Sceal, 6-1 Trojan Lancer, 8-1 Shalfa, 9-1 Deviosity, 12-1 Persian Soldier, 20-1 others.

4.50 RIFLE BUTTS GRADUATION STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,817: 1m 2f 50yd) (5)

1	01	AXE 10 (F) H Cecil 9-4	A Cruz 4
2	-500	GYPSY TRAIL 26 (G) M Francis 9-4	J Lowe 3
3	16-5	HILTI'S HUT 18 (G) R Charlton 9-4	G Duffield 5
4	5-00	DIAMOND CUT 39 M Moubarak 8-11	G Carter 1
5	2-	SUPER STAFF 222 B Hills 8-6	Pat Eddery 2

5-4 Axe, 2-1 Hilti's Hut, 4-1 Super Staff, 10-1 Gypsy Trail, 20-1 Diamond Cut.

5.20 PRIORY PLACE HANDICAP (£3,817: 6f) (10)

1	0-00	FINAL SHOT 7 (D,F,S) M H Easterby 4-9-10	K Fallon 8
2	21-	DOME LAWEL 249 (F) M Stoute 3-9-10	Pat Eddery 3
3	-400	LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 50 (B,D,F) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-9	J Marshall (7) 5
4	1111	WELSH SECRET 17 (D,F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-4	Dean McKeown 7
5	0020	PROFILIC 11 (CD,F,G,S) J Wilson 6-9-4	G Carter 10
6	0-23	BROAD STORY 127 (S) P Calver 4-9-2	S Perks 6
7	00-5	BOLD ANGEL 11 (D,F) M H Easterby 4-8-12	J Lowe 1
8	0004	NORDIC BRAVE 7 (D,F,S) M Brittain 5-8-7	K Darley 5
9	00-5	ANKARA'S PRINCESS 19 (F) R Hollinshead 4-8-6	G Hind (3) 2
10	011/	CONSULATE 548 (C,G) J Balding 5-8-0	Claire Balding (7) 4

9-4 Welsh Secret, 5-2 Dome Lawel, 5-1 Ankara's Princess, 8-1 Bold Angel, Nordic Brave, 12-1 Profilic, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 39 winners from 95 runners, 41.1%; M Bell, 4 from 16, 25.0%; M Stoute, 23 from 101, 22.8%; W Haggas, 4 from 22, 18.2%; C Nelson, 4 from 25, 16.0%; B Hills, 26 from 162, 16.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 34 winners from 219 rides, 15.5%; K Darley, 19 from 172, 11.0%; N Day, 7 from 65, 10.8%. (Only qualifiers).

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK PARK: 2.30 Takaddum. 3.30 Go Tally-Ho. 4.30 Mabthul, Mister Goff. KEMPTON PARK: 4.10 Sunset Dreams, Abrigo. DONCASTER: 2.15 Grey Area. LINGFIELD: 8.00 Kalabridge, Moonjid. WARWICK: 6.15 Guido Da Spoleto. 7.15 Times Are Hard. SOUTHWELL: 6.30 Pick And Choose, More Larks, Imitate 7.00 Saint Caligula. 8.00 Great Precocity. 8.30 Stroubia.

LINGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN
6.00 Quaglino. 6.30 Plan Ahead. 7.00 Harry's Coming. 7.30 Quiet Victory. 8.00 Blackwaterfoot. 8.30 Monarda.

THUNDERER
6.00 Quaglino. 6.30 MUSICALE (nap). 7.00 Mystery Cargo. 7.30 Chianina. 8.00 Blackwaterfoot. 8.30 Muizenberg.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
8.00 Blackwaterfoot.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 5F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.00 TULYAR APPRENTICE MEDIAN AUCTION GRADUATION STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,499: 7f) (5 runners)

1	21-5	MULCIBER 45 (D,BF,F) G Harwood 9-5	G O'Neill 4
2	-226	QUAGLINO 11 (D,F) P Walwyn 9-5	E Husband 1
3	00	COTTON BANK 16 P Butler 8-12	S Cairns 3
4	060	FULLY STRETCHED 17 G Lewis 8-12	Peter Burke (5) 5
5	3	PLANNING AHEAD 7 P Cole 8-12	A Simpson 2

6-4 Quaglino, 5-2 Planning Ahead, 7-2 Mulciber, 8-1 Fully Stretched, 12-1 Cotton Bank.

6.30 EBF LINGFIELD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,738: 6f) (17)

1		BY ARRANGEMENT R Guest 8-11	M Roberts 15
2	0	CUSHTY 17 J Sutcliffe 8-11	M Wigham 12
3		FORGETFUL R Hannon 8-11	R Perham (5) 4
4		JULIA SABINA C C Elsey 8-11	A Munro 9
5	6	LOUISA SCARLETT 15 G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery 13
6	0	LOVISTE BAY 15 J Fitch-Heyes 8-11	N Adams 3
7		MILIYEL B Hanbury 8-11	L Newton (5) 17
8		MUSICALE H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan 16
9	55	PENNY DROPS 22 Pat Mitchell 8-11	S O'Gorman (3) 6
10		PHONE HOME J Fanshawe 8-11	W R Swinburn 14
11		PLAN AHEAD G Lewis 8-11	B Rouse 8
12		RENTA KID R Boss 8-11	L Dettori 2
13	4462	SARA ANNE 8 C Allen 8-11	Mick Denaro (7) 5
14	0	SHARP AGAIN 28 D Laing 8-11	S Whitworth 7
15		TULAPET S Dow 8-11	M Jermy (7) 10
16	0	TWO BIRDS 18 C Horgan 8-11	T Williams 1
17	6	URARAGSKAL 26 J Akehurst 8-11	S Dawson 11

7-2 Musicale, 9-2 Phone Home, 6-1 Forgetful, 7-1 Louisa Scarlett, 8-1 Miliyel, 10-1 Penny Drops, 12-1 others.

7.00 BANNISTER HANDICAP (£3,913: 5f) (9)

1	0000	TAUBER 14 (CD,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 7-10-0	S O'Gorman (3) 5
2	8203	TERRHARS 2 (D,F) R Hannon 3-9-4	R Perham (3) 9
3	-006	SHIKARI'S SON 5 (D,F) J White 4-9-1	T Lang 4
4	-066	PENDOR DANCER 7 (B,D,F,G) W Carter 8-9-1	T Williams 2
5	0040	SKI CAPTAIN 2 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Howling 7-8-12	W R Swinburn 6
6	1003	HARRY'S COMING 15 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 7-8-11	M Roberts 8
7	6010	EVER SO ARTISTIC 2 (B,CD,G) P Howling 4-8-8	L Dettori 3
8	0451	MYSTERY CARGO 7 (CD,G) N Callaghan 3-7-13	A Munro 7
9	0000	BARBEZIEUX 7 (D,F) D Wilson 4-7-7	— 1

7-2 Ever So Artistic, 4-1 Mystery Cargo, 5-1 Ski Captain, 6-1 Tauber, 7-1 Harry's Coming, 8-1 Terrhars, 10-1 others.

7.30 TESTERS OF EDENBRIDGE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,758: 5f) (11)

1	00-0	TACHYON PARK 7 (V,D,F,G) P Howling 9-9-3	L Dettori 4
2	0083	VILLAGE PET 7 (D,F) R Bennett 3-8-12	Paul Eddery 9
3	6000	SILENT SISTER 7 (S) A Moore 6-8-9	B Rouse 3
4	4650	CASTCAREAWAY 7 (V) C Austin 3-8-8	W Ryan 10
5	-500	CONYGAR PARK 7 (B) R Guest 4-8-8	T Williams 2
6	00-0	TIPPLING 42 P Burgoyne 4-8-7	M Wigham 7
7	6-6	CHIANINA 19 A Scott 3-8-6	A Munro 1
8	60-3	QUIET VICTORY 12 D Williams 4-8-5	M Roberts 6
9	-200	SPORTS POST LADY 12 (D,G) C Hill 3-8-2	N Adams 8
10	53-0	WHITTON LAD 17 R Akehurst 3-7-13	S Dawson 11
11	04	INDY EXPRESS 42 T McGovern 3-7-8	D Harrison (7) 5

3-1 Chianina, 4-1 Quiet Victory, 5-1 Tachyon Park, 6-1 Whitton Lad, 7-1 Sports Post Lady, 8-1 Village Pet, 10-1 others.

8.00 KEN BUTLER HANDICAP

(£3,085: 7f) (18)

1	6100	JUVENARA 6 (F) R Hodges 5-10-0	S Drowne (7) 12
2	000-	BLUE ROOM 219 (D,F) R Akehurst 4-9-13	Ron Hillis (3) 18
3	-000	ALNASRIC PETE 18 (F) D Wilson 5-9-13	B Rouse 16
4	60-0	HIGHEST PRAISE 15 (D,F,S) D Morris 8-9-10	W Ryan 6
5	2132	BLACKWATERFOOT 15 (BF,S) R Boss 4-8-9	L Dettori 4
6	30-6	SUGEMAR 8 J Toller 5-9-8	W R Swinburn 9
7	30-0	JOKIST 31 (C,F,G,S) W Jarvis 8-9-5	M Tebbutt 11
8	3050	SOLOMONS NEPHEW 26 (F) J Scargill 4-9-4	A Munro 8
9	0-00	NORTHERN NATION 17 (F) S Mellor 3-9-3	M Wigham 15
10	0000	GIN AND ORANGE 51 (D,S) J Jenkins 5-9-3	M Roberts 10
11	3433	MURMURING 77 (C) S Dow 5-9-2	Paul Eddery 13
12	060-	MONSCOMA 194 A Davison 3-8-11	S Whitworth 14
13	60-0	NIKKI DOW 61 (F,S) P Howling 5-8-8	N Adams 17
14	0-00	MOONJID 18 (V) P Walwyn 3-8-6	R Curant 5
15	000-	QUICK STEEL 194 T McGovern 3-8-3	A Tucker (5) 2
16	2-00	KALABRIDGE 7 (B) M Ryan 3-8-2	S O'Gorman (3) 1
17	-504	PROUD BRIGADIER 18 W Carter 3-8-2	T Williams 3
18	4015	MEADS BROW 112 (B,C) R Voorspuy 5-7-11	S Dawson 7

3-2 Blackwaterfoot, 5-1 Sugemar, 6-1 Murmuring, 7-1 Juvenara, 8-1 Moonjid, 10-1 Jokist, 12-1 Solomons Nephew, 14-1 others.

8.30 LANE BROTHERS HANDICAP

(£3,435: 1m 3f 106yd) (12)

1	-200	PETITE ROSANNA 15 (F,G) W Carter 5-10-0	T Williams 6
2	00-0	ROYAL VERSE 50 (F) J Scargill 4-9-11	W Ryan 10
3	040-0	MELANCOLIA 12 (G) J Pearce 5-9-5	J McLaughlin 11
4	230-	I SEE ICE 250 (F) W Haggas 4-9-4	B Rouse 4
5	-001	MONARDA 10 (F,G) P Cole 4-9-3	A Munro 7
6	10-0	MYSTERIOUS MAID 12 (F) J Pearce 4-9-3	M Wigham 12
7	04-5	MUIZENBERG 18 J Edwards 4-9-2	Paul Eddery 2
8	/5-0	THE YOMPER 12 (S) R Curtis 9-8-2	S O'Gorman (3) 9
9	4003	THIN RED LINE 12 (V,D,F,G) J Jenkins 7-7-11	M Roberts 5
10	0603	HOLD COURT 7 (S) N Callaghan 3-7-9	— 1
11	/042	JOHNNY ROSE 12 R Akehurst 7-7-7	S Dawson 3
12	0-00	IN THE FRAME 26 G Eden 3-7-7	N Adams 8

3-1 Hold Court, 4-1 Thin Red Line, 6-1 Monarda, 7-1 Petite Rosanna, 8-1 Johnny Rose, I See Ice, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 28 winners from 68 runners, 41.2%; G Harwood, 37 from 135, 27.4%; R Boss, 19 from 72, 26.4%; N Callaghan, 17 from 66, 25.8%; P Cole, 28 from 160, 17.5%; B Hanbury, 8 from 46, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 24 winners from 82 rides, 29.3%; S O'Gorman, 19 from 108, 17.6%, M Roberts, 20 from 131, 15.3%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 21, 14.3%; W R Swinburn, 15 from 112, 13.4%; A Munro, 8 from 63, 12.7%.

☐ John Reid travels to Madrid tomorrow when his five rides include last month's Spanish 2,000 Guineas winner Perfil in the featured Premio Satrustegui. Steven Craine rides Victim Boy.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Haydock Park

Going: good

2.00 (1m 4f) 1, AL MUTAHM (M Roberts, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Silver Rainbow (Pat Eddery, 2-1 jt-fav); 3, Goin And Growin (L Dettori, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Bushy Tailed (6th), Gondolier (4th), Jackson Flint, 20 Sesame Seed (5th), 50 Cascade. 8 ran. Hd, 2½l, 4l, 2½l, 1½l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.20, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £2.90. CSF: £6.29. 2min 32.41sec.

2.30 (6f) 1, ATALL ATALL (N Kennedy, 9-1); 2, Rancho Mirage (Dean McKeown, 8-1); 3, Kestrel Forboxes (S Haworth, 7-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Restore (4th), 5 Iksab, 6 Toshiba Comet (5th), 8 Christian Lad, 11 Banham College, 16 Balled Dancer, Nagem, Kevinsbelle, 25 Valley Mills, Hinari Hi Fi (6th), 33 Susan's Reef, 50 Dal Miss, Comic Relief. 16 ran. Sh hd, 2l, nk, ¾l, 1½l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £12.70; £3.30, £3.50, £1.80. DF: £110.50. CSF: £87.08. 1min 16.38sec.

3.00 (1m 40yd) 1, SHARP N' SMOOTH (W Carson, 9-2); 2, Starlight Flyer (A Cruz, 11-8 fav); 3, L'Uomo Classico (Pat Eddery, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Falcons Dawn (6th), 10 Carlingford (4th), 12 Dancing Monarch (5th). 6 ran. Hd, 7l, 2½l, 5l, 1½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £4.30, £1.80, £1.40 DF: £3.80. CSF: £10.43 1min 43.01sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.30 (1m 40yd) 1, SECOND SET (L Dettori, 8-13 fav; Mandarin's and Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Claret (W Carson, 3-1); 3, Arokat (Pat Eddery, 9-2). 3 ran. NR: Flying Speed, Fateful. 2½l, 1l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.41. 1min 43.40sec.

4.00 (5f) 1, NUR (R Hills, 7-2); 2, Treasure Trove (A Munro, 15-2); 3, Shall We Run (J Reid, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Mariecume Express (4th), 12 Persian Empress (5th). 5 ran. Hd, ¾l, 2½l, 5l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £7.60. CSF: £17.51. 1min 04.71sec. Amoureusa (5-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 15p in pound.

4.30 (5f) 1, DOMINUET (R Fox, 12-1); 2, Fiddling (Dean McKeown, 15-2); 3, Languedoc (L Charnock, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Metal Boys (5th), 4 No Quarter Given (4th), 7 Breezy Day, 12 Zandril, Heaven-Liegh-Grey, 14 Lake Mistassiu (6th), Figment, 20 Briess, Restless Don. 12 ran. 1½l, ¾l, ½l, hd, nk. J Spearing at Alcester. Tote: £14.70, £3.10, £4.30, £2.90. DF: £121.10. CSF: £94.84. Trio: £390.60. Tricast: £623.31. 1min 02.23sec.

Jackpot: £19,241.40. Placepot: £120.80.

Sedgefield

Going: firm

2.0 (2m hdle) 1, Cock-A-Doodle-Do (A Orkney, 100-30 fav); 2, Dulverton (14-1), 3, Heavenly Hoofer (9-2); 4, Stand At Ease (12-1). 17 ran. ¾l, 3l. J Hellens. Tote: £6.30; £2.20, £5.00, £1.10, £18.10. DF: £80.30 CSF: £50.93 Tricast: £206.02.

2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Chasers' Bar (Mr S Swiers, 3-1); 2, Jane's Joy (9-4 fav); 3, Choctaw (8-1). 7 ran. 6l, 10l. J Swiers. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £2.40 CSF: £10.01.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, Greenheart (C Grant, 10-11 fav); 2, Hoddam Brig (25-1). 3 ran. 2½l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £1.80. DF: £2.80. CSF: £7.33.

3.30 (3m 2f 160yd ch) 1, Oliver H Banks (Miss T Jackson, 66-1); 2, The Lady's Partner (8-1); 3, Demi Cheval (20-1). Bronze Head 2-1 fav. 10 ran. ½l, 2½l. A Jackson. Tote: £150.30, £8.70, £2.50, £2.90. DF: £170.40. CSF: £421.61.

4.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, Fighting Finish (C Grant, 8-11 fav); 2, Distant Cherry (6-1); 3, Lingham Magic (11-4). NR: Sonsie Mo, Geebeetoeves. 7 ran. ¾l, 8l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £1.80; £1.60, £1.20. DF: £4.20. CSF: £6.15.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, Caxton (M Dwyer, 7-4); 2, Lordship (14-1), 3, Eastern Whisper (5-4 fav). 13 ran. 10l, 1½l. G Moore. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £2.80, £1.50. DF: £9.70. CSF: £26.75.

Placepot: £76.00.

Towcester

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 5f 26yd hdle) 1, Watermead (R Dunwoody, 8-1); 2, Beaujolais Nouveau (8-1); 3, Electric Dancer (7-4 fav). NR: Net Call. 11 ran. 2l, 1½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £6.30; £1.60, £2.50, £1.70. DF: £19.00. CSF: £68.44. Tricast: £149.00. Bought in for 3,000gns.

2.45 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Karnatak (D Bridgwater, 1-2 fav); 2, Outlaw (11-4); 3, Riva's Touch (4-1). 3 ran. 8l, 15l. K Bridgwater. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.30 CSF: £2.25.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Don Jacobo (M Lynch, 7-1); 2, Angelica Park (8-1); 3, Emerald Gem (3-1 jt-fav). Jelingo 3-1 jt-fav. NR: Hi Boots. 13 ran. 1l, 8l. T Casey. Tote: £8.30; £1.20, £2.50, £1.60. DF: £19.30. CSF: £56.95.

3.45 See facing page.

4.15 (3m 190yd ch) 1, Mount Oliver (Martin Jones, 8-1); 2, Wildwood (14-1); 3, Friendly Henry (12-1). Smithy Bear 11-4 fav. 9 ran. 3l, 1l. R Dickin. Tote: £11.70; £2.00, £3.50, £3.50. DF: £168.20. CSF: £99.35. Tricast: £1,221.04. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.45 (2m hdle) 1, Northern Lion (A Webb, 33-1); 2, Arsonist (3-1 fav), 3, Platonic Affair (7-1). 12 ran. 2l, nk. R Thompson. Tote: £55.20; £10.30, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £829.60. CSF: £130.48. Tricast: £746.83.

Placepot: £283.20.

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Al Mutahm prevails

MICHAEL Roberts and Pat Eddery fought out an exciting finish to the Moss Bank Maiden Stakes at Haydock yesterday with victory going to Roberts on Al Mutahm by a head.

Eddery made almost every inch of the running on Silver Rainbow, a full brother to last year's Derby winner Quest For Fame, but was collared by Al Mutahm in the dying strides.

Watkinson's bold century delays Surrey's victory

By JOHN WOODCOCK

THE OVAL: Surrey (24pts) beat Lancashire (6) by eight wickets

SURREY won an excellent game of cricket in the fifth of the last 20 overs, having been on the brink of victory six hours earlier. As was the case in their four championship victories last year, Waqar Younis was their match-winner, though Stewart's batting was also an important factor.

That Surrey had an anxious time before they won was due to a fine innings by Watkinson, who made 100 off 114 balls after coming in with Waqar, from the Vauxhall end, bowling fast and very well. By the time Watkinson ran out of partners three-and-three-quarter hours later, Surrey needed 127 to win in a minimum of 41 overs.

It was then that Stewart came into the picture. Even targets as apparently straightforward as this one can take some reaching in the aftermath of frustration, but with a succession of sparkling strokes — he hit 11 fours and a six — Stewart scored an undefeated 67. A word of praise, too, for another of the Surrey staff, Harry Brind, who had produced the sort of pitch on which skill was required and fully rewarded, so that the three-day game was seen at its best.

How anyone can bat as well as Watkinson did in this match — 55 in the first innings and now 114 not out with such driving as Walter Hammond would have been pleased with — and yet have scored only three centuries in 238 first-class innings is a mystery. Without him Surrey would have been on the road to Bournemouth soon after lunch, their first victory of the season already safely in the bag.

Promising as they no doubt are, Speak and Lloyd found Waqar Younis too much for them. Speak was caught at the wicket in Waqar's third over of the day and Lloyd bowled in his fifth, Mendis having already been bowled in his first. When, after barely an hour's play, Wasim Akram was caught at short leg off Feltham Lancashire were 65 for six, still needing 42 to save an innings defeat.

It looked all over, especially with the ball moving about under a leaden sky. Yet by lunch Watkinson and Hegg had added 80 in 14 overs, and after Hegg had been caught at mid-off off Waqar in the third over of the afternoon Hughes, Yates and Allott all held Surrey up. By three o'clock it was too dark for Waqar to be brought back to put an end to Allott, and when he could be, after an early tea, Watkinson got down to Waqar's end and stayed there.

If the all-rounders who went on England's two tours last winter are all better cricketers than Watkinson, it is a job to know, too, why we so seldom win anything. Although primarily a medium-pacer he took two wickets with off breaks in Surrey's first innings and used the new ball when they went in again yesterday, removing Darren Bicknell in his second over. But then Alec Stewart took over.

☐ Raman Subba Row, the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board from 1985-90, has been made an honorary life member of MCC. Four other new life members are the brothers Ian and Roy Caller, organisers of the Jesmond festival, the former Glamorgan and England batsman, Allan Watkins, and Arif Abbasi, the secretary of the Pakistan Board of Control from 1979-91.

Emburey turmoil all to no avail

By RICHARD STREETON

HOVE (final day of three): Sussex (5pts) drew with Middlesex (5)

A FLUCTUATING final day brought more shifts of fortune than expected, but not a clear-cut result. Middlesex were left to make 244 to win from what became 45 overs. It proved too steep a target once Gatting was run out as the closing 20 overs began.

In a dramatic opening act, Sussex lost eight wickets before lunch, with Emburey responsible for seven of them. Emburey drew on all his skill as an experienced craftsman to dominate the batsmen on a pitch which 690 runs had been scored during the previous two days as seven wickets fell. An improbable tenth-wicket stand of 64 in 19 overs, however, between Donelan and Bunting ensured that Middlesex were left an arduous task.

They received a sound start before Hutchinson at 73 was beaten by Dodemaide. Gatting and Roseberry increased the tempo and Middlesex wanted 141 in the last 20 overs were signalled. In the third Gatting was run out. Salisbury at long leg returned the ball to Moores and the wicketkeeper scored a direct hit on the stumps at the other end with Gatting short.

Middlesex continued to look for runs but kept losing wickets. Roseberry lifted a catch to long leg; Brown was caught behind; and Keech and Cowans fell to wild strokes. Downton, in his final match, and Emburey defended through the last six overs. Downton was applauded to the wicket and given another ovation at the end.

Emburey started his remarkable spell by taking five for four in 38 balls when Sussex resumed at 50 without loss. He bowled his offspin with immaculate precision and obtained more bounce and turn than previously seen in this game. The pitch, though, had not deteriorated seriously as later events confirmed.

The Sussex batsmen were reduced to a cautious, uncertain mood and Brown, Hutchinson and Roseberry also took some good, close catches. By lunch Emburey, bowling unchanged from the northern end, had figures of 20.4-6-38-7 for his morning's work.

Emburey began with two wickets in his third over. First he lured Lenham forward and Downton brought off a neat, legside stumping. Speight, three balls later, was caught at forward short leg. Emburey next held a straightforward return catch from Wells and then had Dodemaide and Moores taken at silly point.

Half the Sussex side were out for 87 and all conjecture on what sort of target they might leave Middlesex had become superfluous. Hall and the injured Smith defended for 15 overs and then Tufnell had Hall leg before as he played back. Emburey followed by having Pigott caught at wide mid-on and Salisbury at short leg.

After lunch Smith was beaten by a throw from cover by Tufnell and the unexpected late resistance began. Bunting when 11 almost became Emburey's eighth victim when silly point was unable to hold a difficult, low chance. Emburey bowled unchanged for three hours. Bunting pulled Tufnell for two sixes before the left-arm spinner finally had him caught at silly point.

Rising to the occasion: Mike Atherton, the man of the match, on his toes against the West Indies fast attack at Edgbaston yesterday morning. Report on page 40

Bacher is quietly confident

ALI Bacher, the chairman of the new United Cricket Board of South Africa, said in London yesterday that he was "quietly confident" of a return to the international arena in July, which would end 20 years of isolation.

Provided the pillars of apartheid are finally demolished during the new session of the republic's parliament next month, Bacher said it would be "illogical" if South Africa did not resume membership of the International Cricket Council — and with it Test status — when the council meets in London on July 10 and 11.

Bacher has been joined in his London campaign this week by Steve Tshwete, of the African National Congress. Talks have been held with ICC officials, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and the high commissioners of most Caribbean nations, Sri Lanka and New Zealand; the views of Pakistan, India and Australia had been previously sought.

Bacher said: "We are quietly confident. Our objectives are clear, we are very strong on non-racialism and very strong on redressing balances. But our effort is conditional that apartheid is withdrawn from the statute books."

Future revenue from Test cricket will be directed towards the development of black cricket in the townships. And a £25,000 government grant will be used to send 25 bags of equipment to continue the programme of developing cricketing youth.

Llong's defiance helps save Kent

By JACK BAILEY

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of three): Nottinghamshire (7pts) drew with Kent (5)

ON WEDNESDAY morning, Nigel Llong was at Market Harborough preparing to play for the Kent second XI. Summoned as a late replacement here, he found himself yesterday playing for his life, and Kent's, on a wearing pitch against a newly recalled England off-spinner in the shape of Hemmings, and Afford, a left-armer knocking on the international door.

While Afford was nibbling his way through the Kent order — they had been left with nothing but a draw to play for after Pick's two early wickets — Llong resisted through 34 overs, surviving one of several sharp chances put down by Nottinghamshire in their bid for a victory which was always on the cards.

That Nottinghamshire were in a position to declare, and set Kent to score 264 from 59 overs, owed something to Pollard's early stroke play and something to a perky innings from Randall, whose undefeated 64 came from only 69 balls. The real plum in the Nottinghamshire pie, though, was a remarkable innings from Johnson. He is a stocky, punchy sort of fellow and he was merciless on anything short of the fullest length.

Forty of Johnson's first 50 runs came in boundaries — he faced only 36 balls in this time — and, when he finally fell to Penn, the bowler's relief was plainly visible, for Johnson had already treated himself to 17 from a recent over by Penn, including a short-arm pull for six which fairly rattled into the stand where Parr's tree used to be.

With all this going on, it did not much matter to Nottinghamshire that Robinson had fallen early in the piece or that Stephenson, French and Hemmings played little more than walk-on roles.

Kent's task, with Hinks unable to open, was always of the sternest kind. Kentish brows furrowed when Taylor was bowled off the bat's edge when aiming to force Pick on the off-side. When Benson was picked up gloriously in the gully by Evans, fielding substitute for the injured Cooper, only 12 runs were on the board and Kent's faint chances of winning had gone.

Fleming, a natural hitter of the ball, played uncharacteristically in partnership with Cowdrey until, having tasted blood with a leg-side six off Afford, he went for another from the next ball and hit down square leg's throat. Enter Llong, playing in his first championship match and, in view of past experience, batting surprisingly early.

It was a testing time. Yet to get off the mark in the first-class game, Llong avoided a pair by nudging Pick through the slips. Cowdrey came for a sharpish single to ease Llong's jangled nerves. But the young man settled in and gained in stature with every stroke.

Essex move top as Foster reveals captain's touch

By IVO TENNANT

CHELMSFORD (final day of three): Essex (23pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by nine wickets

ESSEX displaced Warwickshire as county championship leaders yesterday, and, in that they bowled them out twice in three days, thoroughly deserved to do so. Needing 93 in 15 overs, they won with 14 balls and nine wickets to spare, no mean feat against an attack including Donald, Small and Reeve, now of England.

Above all, it was deserved for Foster's captaincy. He has led them before, but this was a little-known capability. Also, should he bowl as he did here for the rest of the season, the chances are that Essex will still be leaders come September. He gave himself a host of overs in this match, and took eight wickets.

Resuming 52 runs behind, Warwickshire lost Munton, their nightwatchman, to a catch at the wicket before 75 minutes were lost to rain. It was humid upon resumption after an early lunch and the ball started to swing to a greater extent.

In this, Essex were fortuitous. Yet they bowled markedly well. Foster, especially, deserved more than his two wickets yesterday. His line was off stump or the corridor just outside. That was what disconcerted Asif Din, who soon edged Foster to second slip, and Smith went leg before prodding at Topley. Hereabouts Foster departed for ankle treatment.

In his stead Andrew came on at the Writtle Steet end and proceeded to bowl as he can rarely have bowled before. Maintaining a similar line to Foster and swinging the ball prodigiously, he took three wickets in 20 deliveries. Lloyd, whose 22 was top score, was caught at the wicket, as was Ostler. Reeve, who learned of his selection for England while at the crease, was out through a smear that he would not wish to repeat today.

That was 111 for seven. Next, Andrew had Piper taken by Garnham down the leg side. The last two wickets lasted for 20 overs, Small in particular getting his head down.

Essex, then, needed to score at six an over. Sensibly, they opted for Salim Malik to partner Stephenson. With Warwickshire choosing not to position a slip, they could — and did — waft at anything outside off stump. Snicked and clubbed fours resulted.

The openers had put on 44 when Malik was caught behind off Small, trying a carefree heave. Prichard came in and helped himself to Reeve's first and only over. This read four-four-one-four, the last two balls being surplus to requirements.

Tailenders thwart Glamorgan again

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

GLAMORGAN, who have not won a championship game at their Cardiff headquarters since May, 1987, were wonderfully placed to end this dismal sequence yesterday when they had 15 overs left to take the last two Northamptonshire wickets.

But they were thwarted by the same ninth-wicket pair, David Ripley, the wicketkeeper, and Andrew Roberts, a young spin bowler, who had so staunchly added 55 in the first innings to save the follow-on.

Not even Steve Watkin, who bowled with impressive accuracy and fire to take six for 55, could manage to separate them, although he beat the bat on several occasions. Alan Butcher made 96 and Hugh Morris, the first innings century-maker, was unbeaten on 88 when Glamorgan declared.

Derbyshire, who had been made to follow on by **Somerset**, resisted for just long enough in their second innings to avoid defeat at Derby. By the time David Graveney, who took five for 68, and Peter Roebuck, with his cutters, had worked their way through, Somerset had only 22 overs available to score 157. With Cook again out cheaply this proved beyond them in the gathering gloom and they finished at 144 for seven.

The game at Sheffield between **Yorkshire** and **Gloucestershire** flared briefly into life before subsiding to the draw which had looked inevitable after the pedestrian play of the first two days. Gloucestershire were left 235 in 57 overs and Yorkshire scented victory when they captured four wickets for 44, three of them falling to Batty, the off spinner, in eight balls. But Alleyne and Hardy checked the collapse and carried the score to 126 for four before the game was given up. Wright, the Gloucestershire captain, having early in the day completed a century which took him nearly six hours, made nought in the afternoon.

Tony Hooper, the **Cambridge University** opening batsman, failed by only eight runs to complete his second century of the week as he denied **Leicestershire** victory at Fenner's. After the loss of the morning session to rain, the university finished at 186 for six, still 38 short of the Leicestershire first innings total.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Yorks v Gloucs

SHEFFIELD: *Yorkshire (4pts) drew with Gloucestershire (4)*

YORKSHIRE: First innings 388 for 7 dec (D Byas 87, M D Moxon 65, R J Blakey 65)

Second innings

*M D Moxon st Williams b Lloyds	55
A A Metcalfe c Alleyne b Lloyds	47
P E Robinson not out	6
Extras (lb 9, nb 2)	11
Total (2 wkts dec)	119

D Byas, †R J Blakey, S A Kellett, P J Hartley, P W Jarvis, D Gough, J D Batty and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-100, 2-119.

BOWLING: Gilbert 6-0-18-0; Babington 9-3-23-0; Lloyds 8-0-32-0; Smith 2-0-19-0; Alleyne 2-0-18-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings

G D Hodgson c Blakey b Batty	54
R J Scott c Gough b Jarvis	17
*A J Wright not out	100
C W J Athey lbw b Gough	12
M W Alleyne c Byas b Batty	40
J J E Hardy not out	21
Extras (b 20, lb 5, w 2, nb 2)	29
Total (4 wkts dec)	273

Score after 100 overs: 250-4.

J W Lloyds, †R C J Williams, D R Gilbert, M A Smith and A M Babington did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-124, 3-144, 4-223.

BOWLING: Hartley 14.4-3-45-0; Jarvis 14-4-25-1; Gough 23-6-54-1; Batty 37-8-95-2; M A Robinson 12-2-24-0; P E Robinson 2-0-5-0.

Second innings

G D Hodgson b Batty	20
R J Scott c and b M A Robinson	14
*A J Wright lbw b Batty	0
C W J Athey c Kellett b Batty	0
M W Alleyne not out	55
J J E Hardy not out	32
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 1, nb 1)	5
Total (4 wkts)	126

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-34, 3-34, 4-44.

BOWLING: Hartley 7-1-18-0; Gough 9-2-28-0; M A Robinson 10-3-19-1; Batty 18-5-44-3; P E Robinson 3-1-14-0.

Umpires: R C Tolchard and P B Wight.

Sussex v Middlesex

HOVE: *Sussex (5pts) drew with Middlesex (5)*

SUSSEX: First innings 340 for 4 dec (A P Wells 137, D M Smith 125)

Second innings

N J Lenham st Downton b Emburey	32
J W Hall lbw b Tufnell	41
M P Speight c Hutchinson b Emburey	0
A P Wells c and b Emburey	2
A I C Dodemaide c Roseberry b Emburey	3
†P Moores c Roseberry b Emburey	9
D M Smith run out	28
A C S Pigott c Tufnell b Emburey	6
I D K Salisbury c Brown b Emburey	5
B T P Donelan not out	27
R A Bunting c Brown b Tufnell	39
Extras (lb 6, nb 5)	11
Total	203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-87, 3-73, 4-77, 5-87, 6-107, 7-122, 8-132, 9-139.

BOWLING: Ellcock 9-1-29-0; Cowans 4-1-8-0; Emburey 37-11-71-7; Williams 5-0-20-0; Tufnell 30-8-69-2; Keech 1-1-0-0.

MIDDLESEX: First innings 300 for 3 dec (I J F Hutchinson 125, M W Gatting 117)

Second innings

I J F Hutchinson lbwb Dodemaide	46
M A Roseberry c Dodemaide b Bunting	47
*M W Gatting run out	31
K R Brown lbw b Bunting	3
M Keech st Moores b Salisbury	27
†P R Downton not out	24
N G Cowans b Donelan	0
J E Emburey not out	5
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 1, nb 3)	8
Total (6 wkts)	191

N F Williams, P C R Tufnell and R M Ellcock did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-128, 3-133, 4-133, 5-180, 6-181.

BOWLING: Pigott 4-1-11-0; Dodemaide 9-1-30-1; Bunting 8-0-34-2; Salisbury 12-1-62-1; Donelan 12-1-50-1.

Umpires: J W Holder and B Hassan.

Glam v Northants

CARDIFF: *Glamorgan (7pts) drew with Northamptonshire (3)*

GLAMORGAN: First innings 299 for 8 dec (H Morris 132, R J Shastri 50)

Second innings

*A R Butcher c Capel b Penberthy	96
H Morris not out	88
S P James not out	11
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 1)	8
Total (1 wkt dec)	203

R J Shastri, G C Holmes, I Smith, R D B Croft, †C P Metson, S L Watkin, S Bastien and D J Foster did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-149.

BOWLING: Thomas 9-0-44-0; Taylor 14-2-49-0; Capel 7-2-21-0; Penberthy 12-0-49-1; Bailey 8-0-33-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 187 (S Bastien 5 for 39)

Second innings

A Fordham lbw b Watkin	3
N A Felton b Watkin	3
*R J Bailey c Metson b Foster	61
D J Capel b Croft	56
K M Curran c James b Watkin	11
A L Penberthy b Watkin	2
J G Thomas c Metson b Watkin	0
†D Ripley not out	32
W M Noon lbw b Watkin	0
A R Roberts not out	13
Extras (b 9, lb 3, w 1, nb 5)	18
Total (8 wkts)	199

J P Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-7, 3-101, 4-129, 5-143, 6-143, 7-164, 8-170.

BOWLING: Watkin 25.5-8-55-6; Bastien 24-7-66-0; Foster 11-2-23-1; Shastri 3-0-16-0; Croft 12-6-25-1; Butcher 1-1-0-0; Smith 2-1-2-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and A A Jones.

Notts v Kent

TRENT BRIDGE: *Nottinghamshire (7pts) drew with Kent (5)*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 345 for 6 dec (B C Broad 166, R T Robinson 95)

Second innings

B C Broad c Marsh b Merrick	0
P R Pollard c Fleming b Ellison	48
*R T Robinson c Marsh b Merrick	16
P Johnson c Merrick b Penn	65
D W Randall not out	64
F D Stephenson c Taylor b Penn	2
†B N French run out	1
E E Hemmings c Llong b Penn	8
R A Pick not out	11
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 1)	3
Total (7 wkts dec)	218

K E Cooper and J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-46, 3-126, 4-132, 5-146, 6-149, 7-180.

BOWLING: Merrick 17-3-57-2; Igglesden 11-1-48-0; Ellison 5-0-22-1; Penn 13-0-64-3; Llong 2-0-16-0.

KENT: First innings 300 for 8 dec (G R Cowdrey 109, S G Hinks 61; E E Hemmings 4 for 70)

Second innings

*M R Benson c sub b Pick	6
N R Taylor b Pick	0
G R Cowdrey c French b Afford	36
M V Fleming c Hemmings b Afford	27
N J Llong not out	42
†S A Marsh st French b Afford	11
R M Ellison c Randall b Afford	13
C Penn not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 6)	12
Total (6 wkts)	155

S G Hinks, T A Merrick and A P Igglesden did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-70, 4-89, 5-113, 6-138.

BOWLING: Stephenson 12-3-28-0; Pick 11.3-1-48-2; Hemmings 16-6-31-0; Afford 19-8-44-4.

Umpires: R A White and H D Bird.

	P	W	D	L	Bt	Bl	Pts
Essex (2)	4	2	0	2	13	12	57
Warwicks (5)	4	2	1	1	9	12	53
Sussex (17)	4	1	0	3	16	9	41
Notts (14)	3	1	0	2	10	11	37
Kent (16)	4	1	0	3	13	8	37
Glamorgan (8)	4	1	1	2	8	11	35
Surrey (9)	3	1	1	1	8	7	31
Gloucs (13)	3	1	0	2	10	4	30
Lancashire (6)	4	0	1	3	12	11	23
Northants (11)	4	0	1	3	10	8	18
Yorkshire (10)	4	0	1	3	9	8	17
Somerset (15)	3	0	1	2	9	8	17
Hampshire (3)	3	0	1	2	7	7	14
Derbyshire (12)	3	0	0	3	6	7	13
Leics (7)	3	0	1	2	4	7	11
Middlesex (1)	3	0	1	2	6	4	10
Worcs (4)	2	0	0	2	6	3	9

☐ 1990 positions in parentheses

Surrey v Lancs

THE OVAL: *Surrey (24pts) beat Lancashire (6) by eight wickets*

LANCASHIRE: First innings 254 (G Fowler 113, M Watkinson 55, Waqar Younis 5 for 57)

Second innings

G Fowler c Stewart b Younis	5
G D Mendis b Younis	8
I D Austin c Stewart b M P Bicknell	0
N J Speak c Sargeant b Younis	6
G D Lloyd b Younis	20
M Watkinson not out	114
Wasim Akram c Alikhan b Feltham	3
†W K Hegg c D J Bicknell b Younis	27
*D P Hughes c Stewart b Younis	5
G Yates b Medlycott	12
P J W Allott c Alikhan b M P Bicknell	10
Extras (b 12, lb 8, w 1, nb 2)	23
Total	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-7, 3-19, 4-22, 5-56, 6-65, 7-150, 8-176, 9-206.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 17.2-8-58-2; Waqar Younis 25-9-65-6; Feltham 13-2-58-1; Medlycott 7-3-17-1; Boiling 6-0-15-0.

SURREY: First innings 361 (R I Alikhan 76, K T Medlycott 66, A J Stewart 62)

Second innings

D J Bicknell c Hegg b Watkinson	4
R I Alikhan c Speak b Yates	26
A J Stewart not out	67
D M Ward not out	17
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 1, nb 6)	13
Total (2 wkts)	127

M A Feltham, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, †N F Sargeant, M P Bicknell, Waqar Younis and J Boiling did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-94.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 9-1-37-0; Watkinson 6-0-37-1; Yates 6.3-0-27-1; Austin 4-0-20-0.

Umpires: R Palmer and A G T Whitehead.

Derbys v Somerset

DERBY: *Derbyshire (4pts) drew with Somerset (7)*

SOMERSET: First innings 373 for 7 dec (R J Harden 136, A N Hayhurst 116)

Second innings

S J Cook b Mortensen	7
A N Hayhurst b Mortensen	12
*C J Tavaré c Krikken b Mortensen	28
R J Harden c Adams b Jean-Jacques	23
G D Rose run out	32
K H MacLeay b Mortensen	11
R P Lefebvre c Azharuddin b Jean-Jacques	8
P M Roebuck not out	8
†N D Burns not out	7
Extras (lb 10)	10
Total (7 wkts)	144

D A Graveney and N A Mallender did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-27, 3-68, 4-73, 5-107, 6-127, 7-127.

BOWLING: Mortensen 11-0-47-4; Jean-Jacques 10.5-0-87-2.

DERBYSHIRE: First innings 222

Second innings

†P D Bowler c Harden b Graveney	59
J E Morris c Lefebvre b Graveney	91
T J G O'Gorman lbw b Roebuck	7
I Folley c Tavaré b Mallender	3
M Azharuddin b Roebuck	37
T J Adams c Burns b Graveney	37
*K J Barnett c Lefebvre b Rose	21
†K M Krikken not out	30
M Jean-Jacques c Tavaré b Graveney	2
A E Warner b Roebuck	1
O H Mortensen c Harden b Graveney	1
Extras (b 11, lb 3, nb 4)	18
Total	307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-110, 2-123, 3-191, 4-198, 5-210, 6-249, 7-285, 8-293, 9-294.

BOWLING: Mallender 16-4-37-1; MacLeay 16-4-60-0; Lefebvre 14-3-42-0; Graveney 44.3-21-68-5; Rose 17-6-44-1; Hayhurst 4-2-5-0; Roebuck 27-12-37-3.

Umpires: B Dudleston and D R Shepherd.

Essex v Warwicks

CHELMSFORD: *Essex (23pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by nine wickets*

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings 237 (D P Ostler 94; N A Foster 5 for 80)

Second innings

Asif Din c Hussain b Foster	20
A J Moles c Garnham b Foster	6
T A Munton c Garnham b Topley	10
*T A Lloyd c Garnham b Andrew	22
P A Smith lbw b Topley	2
D A Reeve b Andrew	20
D P Ostler c Garnham b Andrew	7
†K J Piper c Garnham b Andrew	11
G C Small c Garnham b Foster	11
A R K Pierson not out	14
A A Donald run out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 5, nb 15)	35
Total	162

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-47, 3-57, 4-65, 5-98, 6-110, 7-111, 8-125, 9-151.

BOWLING: Foster 28.4-8-49-3; Andrew 21-8-38-4; Topley 23-8-60-2.

ESSEX: First innings 307 (J P Stephenson 73, N Hussain 55)

Second innings

J P Stephenson not out	40
Salim Malik c Piper b Small	26
P J Prichard not out	12
Extras (b 10, lb 2, w 3)	15
Total (1 wkt)	93

N Shahid, N Hussain, J J B Lewis, †M A Garnham, *N A Foster, T D Topley, J H Childs and S J W Andrew did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-44.

BOWLING: Donald 6-0-27-0; Small 6-0-41-1; Reeve 0.4-0-13-0.

Umpires: D O Oslear and N T Plews.

Other match

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FENNER'S: *Cambridge University drew with Leicestershire*

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First innings 228 for 9 dec (M J Morris 60; L Tennant 4 for 54)

Second innings

A M Hooper c Briers b Potter	92
R I Clitheroe c Whitticase b Tennant	0
J P Crawley lbw b Tennant	0
M J Morris b Tennant	22
*†R J Turner c Briers b Wilkinson	4
M J Lowrey c Potter b Gidley	30
G W Jones not out	13
R A Pyman not out	8
Extras (b 3, lb 1, nb 13)	17
Total (6 wkts)	186

R M Pearson, D J Bush and N C W Fenton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-10, 3-78, 4-95, 5-147, 6-177.

BOWLING: Maguire 7-1-47-0; Tennant 8-1-43-3; Gidley 19-10-39-1; Wilkinson 7-3-9-1; Potter 15-6-27-1; Hepworth 4-0-23-0; Smith 1-1-0-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 452 for 4 dec (P N Hepworth 115, T J Boon 108, L Potter not out 73, N E Briers 50. BOWLING: Fenton 25-5-85-0; Pyman 24-4-90-1; Pearson 28-6-103-0; Bush 11-0-49-1; Lowrey 14-1-62-2; Hooper 5-0-32-0; Crawley 1-0-9-0)

Umpires: B Leadbeater and D Fawkner-Corbett.

YACHTING

Format's change is for the better

By MALCOLM McKEAG

IF THE intention of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, in its experiments with the format of match-racing, was to enliven the game from the onlookers' point of view, the exercise appears to have been a success. Making a small piece of yacht racing history yesterday, the double leeward mark (two marks side by side — the competitors may choose which to round) was used in the Wightlink Royal Lymington Cup for the first time anywhere in the world in a match between Gordon Lucas (Australia) and Chris Law (GB).

The match was already charged with interest as the pair aimed (successfully as it turned out) for places in today's semi-finals. Law had started the double round-robin well while Lucas had opened with mixed results. Byt the time they met for the second time their fortunes had reversed, Lucas with unbroken success in yesterday's matches and Law with enough defeats to put his position in doubt.

Losing control of the start, Law seemed to have lost the race — even though he closed on Lucas with one leeward mark — he would still have been forced to follow in his wake.

Instead, the double mark gave him the option of splitting away. He took it. Lucas failed to cover and Law was back in contention. They finished the next lap side by side, again took a turning mark each, started the short, final beat even and Law scraped through to win. Under the old system, the race would probably have been a forlorn procession.

Meanwhile, David Barnes continued his impressive display to finish the round-robins with top score (Lucas is the only skipper to have beaten him here) while Marc Bouet (France) took the fourth semi-final place. The event finishes today with semi-finals and finals.

RESULTS: After two round-robins (18 races each): D Barnes (NZ), 16 wins, G Lucas (Aus), 13, C Law (GB), 11, M Bouet (Fr), 10, T Chieffi (It), 9, A Beadsworth (GB), 7, I Southworth (GB), 7, L Mead (HK), 6, G Krantz (Swe), 6, L Klein (US), 5

CYCLING

Giro puts pressure on Bugno

OLBIA, Sardinia (Reuter) — Gianni Bugno, the Italian who won the 1990 Giro d'Italia after leading from the start, faces a stiff challenge from several foreign riders when this year's race begins tomorrow.

The American, Greg LeMond, who won the Tour de France for the third time last year, has set his sights on a high placing in the three-week race, the 74th tour of Italy.

LeMond has recently completed the strenuous Tour Du Pont, in the United States, which he treated as a warm-up for what was to come in Europe.

His coach, Roger Legeay, said: "Everything will depend on the first week of the race. He's got to recover properly from the Tour Du Pont, which was tougher than people think. If he doesn't fall too far behind in the first few days, he'll be well-placed in the final standings."

But Italian commentators rate LeMond behind a number of Europeans who start out as favourites for Europe's most important race after the Tour de France.

Marino Lejarreta, third on home soil in the recent Vuelta (Tour of Spain), and the 1989 Giro winner, Laurent Fignon, of France, are expected to mount a strong challenge to Bugno. Pedro Delgado, another Spaniard, and the Norwegian, Atle Kvalsoll, are others whom Bugno and LeMond will have to watch.

The Italian will also have to keep an eye on his compatriot, Claudio Chiappucci, who was pipped at the finishing post by LeMond in last year's Tour de France after wearing the yellow jersey for eight days.

Chiappucci won the Milan-San Remo race in March, the first on the World Cup calendar, and has been in good form all season.

"Chiappucci, without doubt, impressed me most," Fignon, a double Tour de France champion, said when analysing his rivals after the Tour of Trentino in northern Italy last week.

"But Bugno was also pedalling hard right to the end. Is he the Bugno of last year? He's maybe a little less strong," the Frenchman said.

Bugno finished last year's Giro with three stage victories and a winning margin of six minutes 33 seconds, the biggest for 17 years.

This year's race with 180 riders in 20 teams of nine riders each, begins for the first time on the island of Sardinia, before transferring to the mainland at Sorrento, south of Naples, on Wednesday.

Turning its back on the far south, where it has traditionally run its early stages, the tour immediately wends its way north towards the exciting mountain stages, five of them, spread over six days: at Monviso (12th stage), Sestriere (13th), Aprica (15th), Selva di Val Gardena and Stelvio (16th) and Passo Pordoi (17th).

There will be three individual time trials — 7.7km on the second stage here at Sassari, 43km on the tenth stage from Collecchio to Lanhirano and 66km on the tricky 20th stage from Broni to Casteggio.

After 22 days and 3,690 kilometres (2,306 miles), the Giro will end in Milan on June 16.

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Tranmere tipped for Wembley triumph

By Keith Blackmore

ALL the indications are that more than 50,000 people will attend the Leyland DAF Cup final between the third division clubs, Tranmere Rovers and Birmingham City, at Wembley tomorrow.

It will be as many, probably more, than will be at the same venue for the England Challenge Cup match between England and Argentina this afternoon.

The knockout competition for the third and fourth divisions has had its critics but, for the second consecutive season, it has at least provided a suitable stage for Tranmere — the team widely regarded as the most attractive in the lower leagues.

Once again, they stand on the threshold of a double. Next Saturday, they will return to Wembley to play Bolton Wanderers for a place in the second division next season. Last year, they beat Bristol Rovers to win the Leyland DAF Cup then, a week later, lost the final of the third division play-offs to Notts County.

John King, the Tranmere manager, would probably trade victory in the cup for a win next Saturday but he made it clear that no effort would be spared tomorrow. "There is no question of resting anybody for the final next Saturday," he said. "We want to retain the trophy and the experience last year will help.

"We are not going to go swinging from the chandeliers if we win. I just wish the play-off final came first. It is a lot to do, to play two Wembley finals in six days."

The task will be all the greater if Harvey and McNab, two of his midfield players, fail to recover from the ailments — a virus and pulled hamstring respectively — which kept them out of action in midweek.

Without them, Tranmere, who will definitely be missing Muir, their leading scorer, and Mungall, a defender, will be all the more vulnerable to the Birmingham long-ball game.

Birmingham have no worries about injuries. Lou Macari, their manager, was able to take a 17-strong squad to the Reading University campus on Thursday to prepare for the club's first visit to Wembley for 35 years.

Their success in this competition has redeemed an otherwise depressing season. A disappointing start led to the departure of Dave Mackay and the arrival of Macari in February.

Despite a brief revival, they finished twelfth in the third division and their weakness is obvious — they scored only 45 goals in 46 League matches. Nevertheless, the club has sold 41,000 tickets for the final.

The clubs' two League meetings this season, both 1-0 home wins, offer no clues to the outcome tomorrow. But Phil Holder, whose Brentford team lost to Birmingham in the semi-finals, and also Tranmere at the same stage in the third division play-offs this week, has no doubts as to who should win.

"Tranmere are the better team without any question," he said. "They are the better footballing side. Birmingham are a bit of a biff-bang team. In fairness, Lou has turned them around, but Tranmere are a solid side, with a lot of experience, and they stick to their system. Wembley will suit them."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Team talk: Graham Taylor, the England manager, discusses with Barnes his strategy for the game against Argentina at Wembley today. Match preview, page 40

Champions with grounds for despair

STOURBRIDGE and Buckingham, the winners of the Beazer Homes League midland and southern divisions, have been denied promotion to the premier division because their grounds have not reached the league's required standards. Corby, in the Midland, and Trowbridge, go up instead (Walter Gammie writes).

They replace Weymouth, the bottom club, and Rushden Town, who finished fourteenth but failed to pass the ground grading. The decision has given a reprieve to Gravesend, Waterlooville and Crawley who filled the other three of the bottom four premier division places.

☐ Jim Smith is the new manager of Portsmouth. He takes over at Fratton Park with immediate effect and renews his acquaintance with the second division club's chairman, Jim Gregory, for whom he was once manager of QPR.

Smith left his job at Newcastle at the end of March three days after a defeat by Portsmouth. He has since been working on the coaching staff with Middlesborough. Only last week the Portsmouth caretaker manager, Tony Barton, learned that he would not, after all, have the job as manager. He has since accepted a post as chief scout although his position under Smith may be reviewed.

☐ Bernie Slaven, of Middlesbrough, takes the place of John Aldridge, who has been withdrawn from the Republic of Ireland squad for the game with the United States in Boston on June 1. Aldridge is wanted by his Spanish club, Real Sociedad, for a league game.

☐ England women's manager, Barrie Williams has dropped the Fulham goalkeeper, Theresa Wiseman, holder of a record 60 caps, and the experienced Crewe forward, Kerry Davis, for today's international against the United States, in France.

SQUAD: T Davidson (Doncaster Belles), L Shipp, L Waller, D Bampton (capt), S Law, T Mapes (all Millwall Lionesses), C Taylor (Bronte), J Sherrard, G Coultard, K Walker, J Murray, G Borman (all Doncaster Belles), S Britton (Huddersfield), M Spacey (Friends of Fulham).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division champions: Farnborough, promoted to GM Vauxhall Conference. Relegated from Conference: Fisher Athletic. Promoted to premier division: Corby and Trowbridge. Relegated to southern division: Weymouth. Relegated to midland division: Rushden. Relegated from League: Willenhall, to West Midlands League; Spalding, to United Counties league; Corinthian, to Kent League. Promoted to League: Braintree, from Eastern Counties league; Havant, from Wessex League; Sittingbourne, from Kent League; Solihull, from Midland Combination.

GOLF

Teenagers reach amateur final at first attempts

By Patricia Davies

ON a dull, windless, sometimes wet day at Sheringham yesterday, the golf was anything but grey, flat or calm as two untried youngsters dismissed their elders, and supposedly betters, to reach the final of the English women's amateur championship, both at their first attempt.

Nicola Buxton, the Yorkshire champion, aged 18, defeated Linzi Fletcher and Julie Hall, both Curtis Cup players, with an impressive display of sub-par golf, while Karen Stupples, a 17-year-old from Kent, beat Wendy Dicks, of Essex, and Fiona Edmond, the Cambridge blue with the green fingers.

Edmond, who is in the landscape gardening business, was two up with six to play and one up with three to play, but Stupples has shown a penchant for coming from behind — "I'd rather be down going into the last three holes, it means I've got to fight back and play well" — and did it again.

She won the 16th with a birdie three and went one up at the 17th with a conceded par four after indecision on her second shot cost Edmond a six. Edmond also changed her club at the 18th, wrongly she admitted afterwards, and a half in four was good enough for Stupples, although she was shaking so much she left her approach putt four feet short. Jellified as she was, she coaxed it in, putting Alan, her father and caddie, out of his agony.

This morning, they are up against another family combination in the Buxtons, for Yvonne Buxton caddies for her daughter, to the neglect of her own game apparently. "She helps me with my clubbing and calms me down if I get nervous," Nicola — who considered she was about four under par in both her matches — said.

Buxton is a quiet soul in manner, if not in dress — she topped off a striking sweatshirt with a lime green baseball cap that contrasted nicely with her dark hair but not much else — and she coped with Hall, who came home in 31, four under par, most impressively. Two up after 12, Buxton lost the 13th and 14th to birdies but halved the 15th, when she matched Hall's birdie two.

The Yorkshire girl, a junior international, lost the 17th when she nearly drove onto the railway line and could not get the green in two but hit a seven-iron to four feet at the last for a winning birdie three.

At the 19th, Buxton was concentration personified, while Hall appeared to be distracted. Buxton hit a nine-iron to two and a half feet and had victory conceded when Hall charged her first putt eight feet past and missed the one back.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports) bt W Dicks (Colchester), 1 hole; F Edmond (Frinton-on-Sea) bt K Speak (Clitheroe), 6 and 4; N Buxton (Woodsome Hall) bt L Fletcher (Alnmouth), 3 and 2; J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) bt J Morley (Sale), at 22nd. Semi-finals: Stupples bt Edmond, 1 hole; Buxton bt Hall, 19th.

EQUESTRIANISM

Nicholson moves into share of lead

By Jenny MacArthur

THE New Zealand-born Andrew Nicholson, riding Polkerris, a seven-year-old who was only a novice at the start of the season, moved into the joint lead in the international section of the Windsor three-day event at the end of the dressage phase yesterday.

Nicholson's accurate, relaxed test earned him a score of 35.85 points — equal with Thursday's overnight leader Dag Albert, of Sweden, on May I Do It.

Nicholson's compatriot, Mark Todd, is lying a close third on Conde D'Serafim, another seven-year-old who is owned jointly by Mitta Campbell and Kimberley Clark Ltd.

Todd is also lying fifth on Prince Willoughby, an eight-year-old which he rates as "probably" the best horse he has ridden since Charisma — his dual Olympic gold medal winner.

Both his horses will face their biggest test to date in today's 26-fence cross-country course, described by Todd as "a good one-star track".

Today's speed and endurance phase — for which the going is firm — will also be a big step for Nicholson's Polkerris. Bought as a novice last August from Elizabeth Rashleigh, he has won three intermediate horse-trials this season.

But this is his first three-day event. "He's a very good jumper and has a good mind," Nicholson, aged 29, who is one of the busiest riders on the circuit, said confidently yesterday.

Polly Lyon, the reigning European young riders' champion, is in the lead in the national section on Duncan of Tankallt, a horse she started riding after putting an advertisement in *Horse and Hound*.

"I was short of a horse," Lyon, aged 22, said yesterday.

RESULTS (after dressage): International section: equal 1, Polkerris (A Nicholson, NZ) and May I Do It (D Albert, Sweden), 35.85pts; 3, Conde d'Serafim (M Todd, NZ), 38.7. National section: 1, Duncan of Tankallt (P Lyon), 48.2; 2, Falconbridge (E Clark), 49.6; 3, Devon Squire (E Gilbert), 56.2. Mars British junior championship: 1, Witncote Freddie (C Wybrew), 48.6; 2, Jenny Black (B Hughes), 52.0; 3, Ferndale Colours (A Cooper), 56.0. Pet Plan Burghley event horse: Four-year-olds: 1, Society Say So (M Corbett); 2, Dunkirque (L Pinney); 3, Tudor Fathom (G Marks). Five-year-olds: 1, Matinee (R Hunt); 2, Count Zarro (D Merrett); 3, Sporting Discovery (C Field).

POLO

Royal Pahang break run of Cup defeats

By John Watson

ROYAL Pahang, who have so far lost two of their Queen's Cup matches in league one, were victorious for the first time yesterday, when, at Smith's Lawn, they defeated Black Bears by eight goals to six.

The Black Bears, a time-honoured combination centred on the eight-goal American, Dale Smicklas, enjoyed the upper hand during the first half, with their No. 2, Tino Bordieu, riding particularly fast ponies and providing a sharp spearhead. At treading-in time they were up 4-2.

Royal Pahang, a new squad, took time to settle, but, nearly all mounted from Prince Tengku Mahkota's exquisite string, played with increasing confidence and team cohesion. Their Argentine Caset brothers began, in the fourth chukka, to get the measure of Smicklas and Bordieu. It was bad luck for Black Bear, too, that their back, Martin Brown, who is celebrated for his accurate penalty conversions, failed to achieve any yesterday.

The tournament continues over the holiday at the Guards, Royal Berkshire and Cirencester clubs. Royal Pahang meet Galen Weston's Maple Leafs on Monday.

ROYAL PAHANG: 1, Prince Tengku Mahkota (3); 2, G Caset (8); 3, M Caset (6); Back: R Matthews (5).
BLACK BEARS: 1, U Schwarzenbach (1); 2, T Bordieu (8); 3, D Smicklas (8); Back: M Brown (5).

☐ Brigadier Peter Thwaites, chairman of the Hurlingham Polo Association since 1982, died on Thursday after a long illness.

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IN BRIEF

Troke in top ten

HELEN Troke, England's joint No. 1, has leapt nine places into the top ten to become the highest ranked European singles badminton player.

Her new position at No. 9 makes the former European and Commonwealth champion the first English player to reach the top ten since the start of official rankings. The England joint No. 2, Steve Butler, is at 16 in the men's list with the England No. 1, Darren Hall, at 19.

ATHLETICS: Ben Johnson will not race in the grand prix meeting at Stockholm on July 3 because he demands too much appearance money, organisers said.

☐ Carl Lewis, the multiple Olympic champion, was cleared by a Houston court yesterday of driving while drunk.

GOLF: Robert Broad, a Gloucestershire-based accountant, won the Welsh over-35 championship by two strokes on the Vale of Llangollen course yesterday.

BOXING: Wally Swift Jr makes his first defence of the British light-middleweight title against Tony Collins at London Arena on June 26.

TENNIS: Manchester will stage Great Britain's Davis Cup tie with Austria on September 20-22 at the Northern Lawn Tennis Club at Didsbury.

☐ Martina Navratilova has accepted a wild card for the Dow Classic at the Edgbaston Priory Club from June 10 to 16.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: London Monarchs, unbeaten in the World League, have nine players in the league's All Star team, including their English-born kicker, Phil Alexander.

ICE HOCKEY: The Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Minnesota North Stars 6-4 to take a 3-2 lead in the Stanley Cup

RIFLE SHOOTING: Michael Gault, one of the leading RAF marksmen, won the bronze medal in a free pistol event at the World Cup meeting in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, yesterday.

HOCKEY: England made an encouraging start to the four nations' tournament in Brussels yesterday by defeating the Soviet Union 2-0.

RUGBY UNION

Norling a worthy case for vacancy

By David Hands rugby correspondent

TWO dozen referees were named yesterday to officiate during the World Cup this autumn. Intriguingly, there is a vacancy for one more which, although organising officials have set their face against more than two referees from any one country, could and should leave room for Clive Norling, of Wales.

The appointments were finalised in Dublin last weekend, with each of the seven senior competing countries contributing two referees, the remaining nine one apiece and a further referee, Dany Roelands, coming from Belgium who are not competing in the tournament.

"The final place," the RWC organisers said yesterday, "will be the result of further consideration during the summer." The theory behind this is that a place may be offered to a referee from a non-competing country whose form suggests he deserves it; however Norling, whose domestic season was so hampered by injury and illness, will also be in action when he handles Ireland's two internationals against Namibia in July.

Although the organisers have the laudable intention of extending the experience of officials from as many countries as possible, they also owe it to the world's best players to produce the best officials. No-one has refereed more internationals than Norling who, although his first international was as long ago as 1978, is only 41. Anyone who watched his masterly use of advantage during the Welsh Cup semi-final between Pontypool and Swansea will acknowledge that he has lost none of his flair.

I doubt if there would be too many grumbles were Wales to have three referees in the tournament. It would seem, too, something of a nonsense if Norling is not even on the panel while referees from the US, Canada and Belgium are awarded matches.

WORLD-CUP PANEL: England: F Howard, E Morrison. Scotland: B Anderson, J Fleming. Ireland: O Doyle, S Hilditch. Wales: D Bevan, L Peard. France: R Hourquet, P Robin. Australia: K Fitzgerald, A MacNeill. New Zealand: D Bishop, K Lawrence. Argentina: E Sklar. Canada: K Morrison. Fiji: L Colati. Italy: N Cadamuro. Japan: H Yagi. Romania: I Vasilica. USA: D Reordon. Western Samoa: F Vito. Zimbabwe: K Went. Belgium: D Roelands.

Canadians promise to stretch young Scots

From Alan Lorimer in Saint John, New Brunswick

SCOTLAND end their six-match tour of North America today in the Maritime provinces of New Brunswick, where they play Canada in Saint John. For the Scots, it will be a test of how far they have achieved their objective of bringing on young players, notably the one or two who seem likely to be included in the World Cup squad, noteably Stuart Reid and Doddie Weir in the pack and Mark Moncrieff, the wing.

The Scots go into today's match with five wins behind them, but the Canadians are fresh from their 49-26 victory over Japan. All their players, bar one, come from British Columbia, which should give them a good understanding as a team.

Their strength lies in a strong back row, and behind a useful pack, they have the powerful centre, Christian Stewart, who has played most of his senior rugby in South Africa, where he reached provincial level.

The strongest area for Scotland should be the lineout, where Weir and Andy Macdonald have performed well. After rain yesterday, the forecast is for dry weather. That could make for perfect conditions in which to end what has been an encouraging tour.

CANADA: M Wyatt (capt); S Gray, C Stewart, J Lecky, J Woods; G Rees, J Graf; E Evans, M Cardinal, D Jackart, G McKinnon, (all British Columbia), A Charron (Ontario), N Hadley, B Breen, G Ennis (all British Columbia). Replacements: S Stewart (British Columbia), D Lougheed (Ontario), I Mackay, I Gordon, P Leblanc (all British Columbia), K Svoboda (Ontario).

SCOTLAND: P Dods (Gala); A Stanger (Hawick), D Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP, capt) G Shiel (Melrose), M Moncrieff (Gala); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Oliver (Hawick); D Milne (Heriot's FP), J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals), A Watt (Glasgow High-Kelvinside), D Turnbull (Hawick), G Weir (Melrose), A Macdonald (Heriot's FP), R Kirkpatrick (Jed-forest), S Reid (Boroughmuir). Replacements: M Dods (Gala), L Renwick (London Scottish), A Nicol (Dundee HSFP), B Richardson (Boroughmuir), G Wilson (Boroughmuir), K Milne (Heriot's FP).
Referee: S Griffiths (England).

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WATER SKIING

Roberts is ahead in slalom

BRITISH competitors are leading both the slalom events in the Carlsberg Masters in Reading. Andy Mapple, from Preston, the world champion and record-holder, was the only man to ski into the 10-metre shortening as he finished ahead of his colleagues John Battleday and Jodi Fisher (a Special Correspondent writes).

Phillipa Roberts, a doctor at the Brompton Hospital, finished almost a whole pass ahead in the women's event.

LEADING QUALIFIERS: Men: Slalom: 1, A Mapple (GB), 1½ buoys at 10.75 metres; equal 2, J Fisher (GB) and J Battleday (GB), 3 at 11; 4, P Martin (Fr), 2 at 11; 5, S Wild (Ger), 3 at 12; 6, Y Le Gall (Fr), 2½ at 12. Trick: 1, Martin, 9,900 points; 2, A Benet (Fr), 9,180; 3, Battleday, 8,170; 4, S Kornev (USSR), 7,990; 5, A Rocke (GB), 7,530; equal 6, P Stud (GB), A Minenok (USSR), 7,360. Women: Slalom: 1, P. Roberts (GB), 1½ at 12; 2, N Huntridge (GB), 2½ at 13; 3, S Getty-Saunt (GB), 2 at 13; 4, B Grebe (Austria), ½ at 13; 5, C Gusenbauer, (Austria), 2 at 14; 6, C Williams (GB), 4¼ at 16. Trick: 1, N Ivanova (USSR), 5,760 pts; 2, Gusenbauer, 5,210; 3, Grebe, 3,890; 4, Getty-Saunt, 2,900; 5, Williams, 2,870; 6, S Blake (GB), 2,830.

ROWING

Cologne winners seek a repeat

By Mike Rosewell, rowing correspondent

STEVE Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, winners at the Cologne regatta, face 33 opponents in the coxless pairs at Duisburg this weekend; they include compatriots Cross and Foster, back in action after Foster's injury.

The coxed four — Berrisford, Dillon, Burfitt, Mulkerrins and Ellison — remains unchanged after coming a close second to Germany in Cologne, but the eight has been strengthened by the inclusion of Searle and Singfield, who have replaced Stanhope and Luke. The German and Canadian eights, first and second at the world championships, will be among the opposition; all the six finalists receive prize-money.

The regatta includes the third round of the Fisa World Cup sculling competition and Reid, lying fourth after San Diego and Piediluco, in the women's competition, which has attracted a large number of scullers.

Pooley and Henderson contest the men's World Cup, Pooley having produced the best British performance in Cologne before beating Henderson in the Wingfield Sculls.

Seven of the bronze medal eight at the world championships are included in the GB Lightweight team and the British women will be facing tougher opposition than was apparent at Ghent.

☐ 2,182 competitors in 532 crews will appear at the National Schools Regatta, sponsored by Aylings, at Nottingham, this weekend. On earlier form Eton are expected to retain the championship eights today but, with 13 crews involved, Partridge, in his second year at Shrewsbury, has produced a crew which could challenge strongly. Other places in the six-crew final are difficult to foresee although St Paul's and King's, Canterbury must be hopeful.

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE 2ND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Worcester: Somerset 389-7 dec (H R J Trump 71, R J Bartlett 67, T Edwards 58 not out, M N Lathwell 51) and 111 (G R Haynes 5-48). Worcestershire 300-3 dec (C M Tolley 135, D A Leatherdale 67, D B D'Oliveira 50 not out) and 182-5 (Haynes 52 not out). Worcestershire won by 5 wkts. Belper Meadows: Derbyshire 302 (F Griffith 128 no; S Barwick 5-68) and 116-8 dec. Glamorgan 236-9 dec (P A Cottey 101) and 149-8 (E McCray 4-69). Match drawn. Leicester: Kent 379-4 dec (V J Wells 205, M C Dobson 64, D J M Kelleher 68) and 165-6 dec (M A Ealham 58). Leicestershire 252-8 dec (D Maddy 87) and 293-7 (P A Nixon 125). Leicestershire won by 3 wkts.
OTHER MATCHES: Barnt Green (50 overs): Worcestershire Club and Ground 244-7 dec (G J Lord 102, D A Leatherdale 57); Midlands Club Conference 245-6 (J Foster 94). Midlands Conference won by two wickets. Appleby: Cumberland II 220 (C Stockdale 67; I Jackson 5-28), Durham II 201-7 (G Weeks 59). Match drawn.
BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE CUP: First round: Worcester 133-7, Kidderminster 135-3; Aldridge 112-4, Aston Unity 114-3; Stourbridge 136-7, Coventry and North Warwicks 144-6; Smethwick 130-4, Old Hill 136-2; Moseley 135-7, West Bromwich Dartmouth 137-5; Walsall 119-3, Halesowen 116-7; Harborne 135-6, Mitchell and Butlers 136-4.
NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: First round: Percy Main 181-9, Benwell Hill 187-4; Stenhousemuir 108, Watsonians 109-4; Old Hamptonians 300-5 (J Poulter 154), Banstead 177; Keynsham 178-7, Bath 179-8. Second round: Easby 213-7, Leyland DAF 213-6 (Leyland DAF won on fewer wickets lost); Ormskirk 259-6, Atherton 207; Fleetwood 184-8, Barnoldswick 187-1; Rotherham Town 217-4, Notts Forest 202; York 175-8, Sheffield Collegiate 176-9; Durham City 119-4, Northallerton 91-9; West of Scotland 202-8, Grange 137; Pudsey St Lawrence 250-3 (C Gott 100), Denby 174; Linthwaite 154-7, Notts Unity Casuals 157-5; South Northumberland 213-4 (M Anderson 116 not out), Penrith 152; Ferguslie 208-9, Kelburne 125-9; Goole 164-9, Hornsea 165-3; Drumpellier 179, Forfarshire 185-3; Scarborough 189, Benwell Hill 192-3; Midsomer Norton 192-4, Stapleton 133; Princes Risborough 208-7, Wokingham 212-6; Oxted 65, Eastcote 66-1; Wanstead 187, Purley 123; Old Tauntonians 199, South Wilts 189; Lutterworth 178-8, Broomleys 179-9.
NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: Folkton and Flixton 167, Goldsborough 128; Cawood 135-9, Heslerton 136-4; Bishop Thornton 216-3, South Milford 165; Spofforth 188-7, Staveley 141; Sheriff Hutton Bridge 214-7, Great Preston MW 179; Treeton 143-8, Nostell St Oswalds 147-8; Walesswood 63, Old Denaby 64-4; Methley 260-6, Whitley Hall 178-7; Escrick Park 98, Carlton Towers 97-3; Thorpe Hesley 151-8, Haxby 124-9; Long Lee 100, Ben Rhydding 102-3; Bardsey 187, Tong 122; Tong Park 312-3, Cross Roads 132; Horbury Bridge 158-5, Carlton 157-4; Barkisland 271-8, Thornton 251; Oulton 83, Cumberworth United 84-2; Cleator Moor 157-5, Burneside 152-8; Great Eccleston 87, Cliviger 88-6; Shireshead and Forton 187-7, Kirkby Lonsdale 87-4; Salesbury 227-6, Wrea Green 183. Tetney 179-8, Donington 8; Dunstall 258-8, Marchington 179; Onneley 244, Worfield 171; Hancote 243-5, Brailes 136-9; Fillongley 250-8, Kineton 150; Grace Dieu Park 204, Thorpe Arnold 205-4; Stone 239-4, Presteigne 116; Kington 310-4, Bodsey 136; Canon Frome 157, Colwall 160-2; Ombersley 158-6, Brockhampton 158-7, Chaddesley Corbett 190, Cookley 87-8.
NCA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Durham 180-6, Northumberland 105-7.

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SCHOOLS MATCHES: Felsted 258-2, St Paul's 161-8; Gents of Suffolk 188, Ipswich School 193-2 (G Warrington 101 not out); MCC 215-5, Felsted 181-8.

CYCLING

SENLIS, France: Tour de l'Oise: First stage: 1, F Moreau (Fr), 3hr 38min 03sec; 2, W Nelissen (Bel), at 1sec; 3, A Kappes (Ger); 4, J Dauwe (Bel); 5, A Van den Bossche (Bel); 6, F Boucanville (Fr).

SHOOTING

ZAGREB: World Cup meeting: Free pistol: 1, S Kopinkov (Bul), 658; 2, M Inagaki (Japan), 656; 3, M Gault (GB), 655. Women's standard rifle (after countback): 1, I Prezimo (Gr), 593; 2, C Wigger (US), 593; 3, L Kolouskova (Cz), 593; 5, K Morton (GB), 590.

GOLF

FORT WORTH, Texas: Colonial men's tournament: First round leaders (all US): 65: M Calcavecchia, F Funk, P Parsons. 66: B Lietzke, D Edwards, M Lye, J Hallet, C Perry, G Sauers. 67: L Roberts, W Mayfair, M Hulbert, W Levi, S Hoch, D Halldorson.
CORNING, New York: Women's tournament: First round leaders (US unless stated): 66: M Foyer. 68: L Rinker, T Green, A Read, D Richard. 69: C Walker, E King, H Drew, A Okamoto (Japan). 70: M Dobek, G Hall, L Adams, L Merten, J B Hinton, A Finney, P Wright (Scot), P Sinn, D Ammaccapane, V Fergon, D Andrews, C Keggi, K Cockerill, D Coe. European scores: 71: L Neumann (Swe), C Pierce (GB). 76: A M Palli (Fr).
SANDWICH: Prince's Challenge: Final scores (all GB and Ireland): 281: I Spencer, 73, 68, 71, 69; P Affleck, 70, 71, 70, 70 (Spencer won at fourth hole of sudden-death play-off). 286: J Robinson, 71, 71, 68, 76. 287: A Hare, 68, 73, 73, 73; S Edwards, 70, 71, 71, 75. 289: M Thomas, 71, 72, 70, 76; C Suneson, 71, 68, 72, 78. 290: K Spurgeon, 72, 72, 70, 76; P Dougan, 68, 76, 71, 75; J Sewell, 71, 72, 75, 72; C Platts, 72, 70, 73, 75; N Briggs, 72, 74, 72, 72.
VALE OF LLANGOLLEN: Welsh Over-35 championship: 153: R Broad (Minchinhampton), 73, 80. 155: P Harrison (Hawarden), 81, 74; B Griffiths (Llanymynech), 75, 80. 156: D McLean (Holyhead), 79, 76. 159: G Hart (Vale of Llangollen), 82, 77. 160: M Edwards (Wrexham), 73, 87. 161: L Nivan (Neath), 79, 82. 162: N Popplewell (Hawarden), 82, 80; D Skinner (Vale of Llangollen), 81, 81. 163: W I Tucker (Monmouthshire), 84, 79; A C White (Llanwern), 84, 79; P W Cave (Holyhead), 83, 80.
TOKYO: Men's tournament: Leading second round scores (Japanese unless stated): 135: H Makino, 68, 68. 137: M Shiota 70 67, D Ishii (US), 69, 68, N Ozaki, 68, 69; T Ueno, 65, 72. 138: Y Kaneko, 71, 68; K Idoki, 71, 68; F Irino 70, 68; T Higa, 70, 68; H Emoto, 67, 72.
KASUGAI, Japan: Women's tournament: 67: Yeh Wei-Fing (Taiwan), H Inoue (Japan). 69: K Harada (Japan), M Wakaura (Japan), H Bi-ehyun (Taiwan). 70: M Shimabukuro (Japan); H Miyazawa (Japan); K Hiyoshi (Japan); Y Nakamizo (Japan).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 2 Montreal Expos 0; Los Angeles Dodgers 2 Houston Astros 0; Cincinnati Reds 6, San Francisco Giants 2; St Louis Cardinals 8 Pittsburgh Pirates 2; San Diego Padres 11 Atlanta Braves 10 (12 innings); Chicago Cubs 4 New York Mets 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Texas Rangers 10, Minnesota Twins 6 (11 innings); Detroit Tigers 5, Boston Red Sox 3; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Cleveland Indians 3; Chicago White Sox 11, Oakland A's 1.

BASKETBALL

CANBERRA, Australia: Women's tournament: Soviet Union 70, Australia 68; China 88, South Korea 70.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Norway 1, Romania 0 (in Oslo).
OLYMPIC TOURNAMENT: East Asia group: Thailand 4, Malaysia 1; Bangladesh 6, Philippines 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup final: Pittsburgh Penguins bt Minnesota North Stars, 6-4 (Pittsburgh lead 3-2 in series of seven).

RUGBY LEAGUE

MOSCOW: Soviet Union 10, Great Britain Select 42.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Ontario 3, Scotland XV 43, Fort Lauderdale Knights 6, London Welsh 43.

SQUASH RACKETS

VAL DE LOBO: Portuguese championships: Men: Semi-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt S Elopuro (Fin), 9-6, 9-1, 9-0; C Robertson (Aus) bt R Norman (NZ), 9-5, 9-5, 9-0.

TENNIS

GENEVA: Women's European Open: Second round: S Stafford (US) bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-4, 6-3; G Helgeson (US) bt E Zardo (Switz), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Quarter-finals: M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt S Stafford (US), 6-4, 6-3; T Whitlinger (US) bt M Kidowaki (Japan), 6-4, 7-6; H Kelesi (Can) bt Helgeson, 6-7, 7-5, 6-1.
BOLOGNA, Italy: ATP tournament: Second round: L Mattar (Br) bt P Rebolledo (Chile), 7-5, 6-3; E Masso (Arg) bt W Ferreira (SA), 7-6, 3-3, retired hurt; J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt F Cancellotti (It), 6-2, 6-0; O Camporese (It) bt J Cunha-Silva (Por), 6-2, 6-3. Quarter-finals: Camporese bt Mattar, 6-2, 6-1; J Tarango (US) bt D Rostagno (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Gunnarsson bt Masso, 6-0, 6-2.
STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: R Zrubakova (Cz) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-0, 6-3; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (Ger), 6-3, 6-1; A Minter (Aus) bt L McNeil (US), 6-1, 7-6; R McQuillan (Aus) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 6-4, 7-6.

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Atherton and Illingworth forge vital partnership

England escape to victory in dramatic climax

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON (England won toss): England beat West Indies by one wicket

SHORTLY before lunch on Thursday, an early England victory seemed a formality. Precisely 24 hours later, the result was achieved amid excruciating tension and at considerable expense.

In a morning of sustained drama, this first of three Texaco Trophy internationals was settled by a last-wicket stand which chipped out 23 runs after the West Indian pace bowlers had virtually stolen the game by taking five wickets for 29.

England's hero was Michael Atherton, technically and temperamentally superb in his resolve to bat through the innings and deservedly man of the match for his unbeaten 69. But the sub-plots, to some degree, upstaged the central character. England finished with two injured players, one suffering a very public agony and the other so private that no one outside the dressing room was aware of it.

The latter was Richard Illingworth, Atherton's tenth-wicket partner on his debut. It transpired that a bruise on his left wrist, sustained when stopping an Allan Lamb throw on the first day, was so sore at yesterday's practice that he was unable to either bat or bowl. In the circumstances, his innings was composed and courageous.

Almost inevitably, the public agony belonged to Ian Botham when he pulled up in a series of ungainly hops, at the end of a sharply run single, and promptly collapsed.

His right hamstring was damaged and, although the extent of the injury can, as yet, only be conjectured, he, like Illingworth, will miss the match at Old Trafford today and might be unable to play for weeks.

England last night added Dermot Reeve, the uncapped and underrated Warwickshire all-rounder, and Eddie Hemmings, the familiar old stand-by slow bowler, to their squad for the remaining two matches. Both could find themselves hitched straight into the fray.

It was a deflating end to the latest uplifting Botham chapter, all the more so for his leg-before dismissal, crease-bound and immobile, to the ball following a lengthy treatment break. He left with a runner and a grimace for company, rather than a stretcher and tears, but the parallels with Gascoigne are unavoidable. The charisma is comparable, the public adoration perhaps stronger; the absence, hopefully, will not be so long.

That England won at all was due in no small measure to the remarkable tally of no-balls (20) and wides (18). If Gooch was grateful, Viv Richards was far from happy to have the match given away so unprofessionally. "It is a problem we have been plagued with for some time and we must work hard to rectify it," he said.

Richards and his players had been up and about much earlier than they would have liked. A 5.30am fire alarm at their city centre hotel saw to that. But when the covers came off the pitch, the bowlers were not disappointed.

Although weak sunshine had replaced the low cloud of Thursday, the ball continued to swing and seam extravagantly and the bounce was increasingly unreliable. It was a poor pitch for a limited overs game and yet it produced a match of unrelenting interest.

England needed 76 with six wickets left; the overs were scarcely relevant. Atherton and Botham added 25 before being parted, eight of the runs accruing when Atherton edged Ambrose just wide of Richardson, at slip, then Walsh to the right of the wicketkeeper, Dujon. The Lancastrian was close to his 50 by then and batting with monumental patience but, on this pitch, he might have had 150 and still not felt properly in.

Botham's injury, and subsequent exit, revived West Indies. In the next eight overs, England lost four more wickets and cast grave doubt on the theory they now bat right down the order. Richardson, at second slip as Richards attacked, caught three and dropped one.

Even granting the difficulty of the conditions, and the excellence of some of the bowling, none of the victims could honestly claim they were doing much more than hanging the bat out.

On came Illingworth, with the sensible priority of seeing off the six overs due from frontline bowlers. Matching Atherton in almost every respect, as befits a No. 11 with three first-class centuries to his name, he completed the course, and it was Atherton who had to survive two appeals in two balls from Ambrose.

Then, at last, Richards had to turn to Hooper and, to the relieved acclaim of the 3,000 who had come back for the finale, Illingworth steered a two, and then a four, through the thin offside field to settle the game.

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EDGBASTON SCOREBOARD

England won toss

WEST INDIES: 173 for 8 (55 overs: I T Botham 4-45).

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch lbw b Ambrose *Beaten by late moving*	0	–	–	2	2
M A Atherton not out	69	–	4	245	147
G A Hick c Richardson b Marshall *Diving catch in gully*	14	–	1	66	49
A J Lamb b Hooper *Playing back, beaten by off break*	18	–	2	38	26
N H Fairbrother c Dujon b Hooper *Cutting off break too close to his body*	4	–	–	5	6
I T Botham lbw b Walsh *Playing back as ball cut in*	8	–	–	42	30
D R Pringle c Richardson b Walsh *Waft to second slip*	1	–	–	6	3
†R C Russell c Dujon b Patterson *Playing back, edged to wicketkeeper*	1	–	–	10	8
P A J DeFreitas c Richardson b Marshall *Edged wide ball to second slip*	8	–	–	14	10
C C Lewis c Richardson b Patterson *Stretching forward, edge to second slip*	0	–	–	7	4
R K Illingworth not out	9	–	1	39	34
Extras (lb 9, w 18, nb 16)	43				
Total (9 wkts, 49.4 overs, 245 min)	175				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1 (Atherton 0 not out), 2-41 (Atherton 15), 3-80 (Atherton 27), 4-87 (Atherton 26), 5-123 (Atherton 49), 6-126 (Atherton 50), 7-134 (Atherton 55), 8-147 (Atherton 58), 9-152 (Atherton 60)

BOWLING: Ambrose 11-2-34-1 (w 3, nb 8) (5-1-14-1, 3-0-15-0, 3-1-5-0). Patterson 11-2-38-2 (w 9, nb 1) (5-1-17-0, 6-1-21-2). Marshall 11-1-32-2 (w 1, nb 9) (6-0-17-1, 5-1-15-1). Walsh 11-0-34-2 (w 2, nb 2) (6-0-20-0, 5-0-14-2); Simmons 3-0-10-0 (w 2, nb 1) (2-0-7-0, 1-0-3-0). Hooper 2.4-0-18-2 (w 1) (2-0-12-2, 0.4-0-6-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 31-1. 20: 62-2. 30: 109-4. 40: 147-7

MAN OF THE MATCH: M A Atherton.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and M J Kitchen

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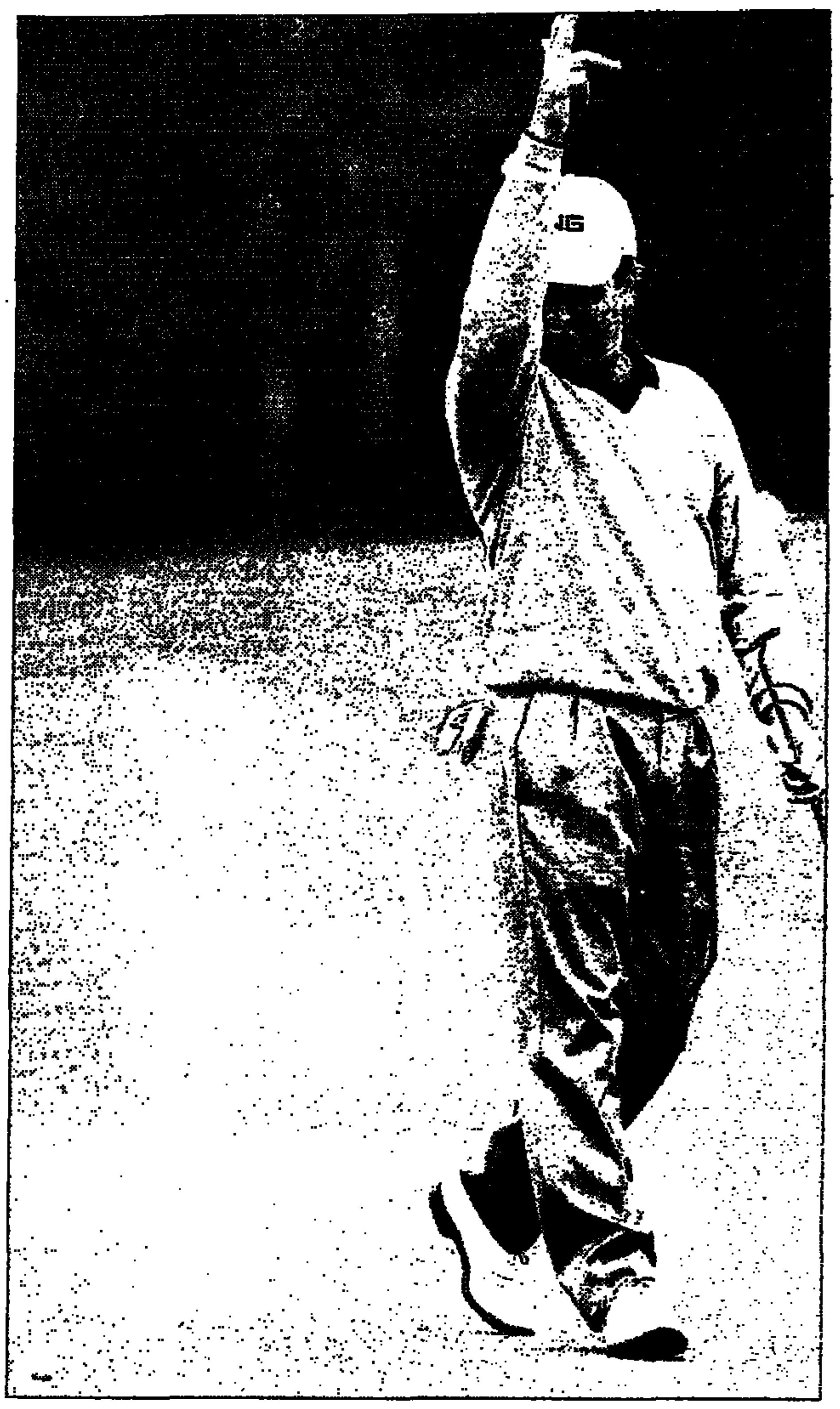

Firepower: Wayne Riley's signal at the end of the his round at Wentworth

Rebel Riley's record stuns Europe rivals

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

WAYNE Riley, of Australia, yesterday played probably the finest round of his career when he shot a 63, nine under par, in the Volvo PGA championship with which he established a course record for the West course at Wentworth.

It was a performance that Riley will hope goes some way to repairing his reputation as a rebel. He believes it to be an unfair assessment, although his antics on and off the fairways, which include being fined for swearing to being banned from driving for having "one beer too many", have unquestionably blighted his career.

"I would be the first to admit I was cocky. I was impatient and I was a maniac," Riley said. "I'm not like that now, but I can't seem to live down the wild colonial boy image. I think people want me to be a lunatic. I know I do things that are different. But I'm determined to do as well as I can; if I get half as many trophies as Greg Norman then I'll be happy."

Riley has won only three times, and not once in Europe, since he turned professional in 1982. He won the Victorian championship in 1984 at which point he seems to believe he was placed under pressure because some observers suggested that at the age of 21 he had the fairways of the world at his feet.

Riley, known as "Radar", the chacater in the MASH television series, demonstrated his skill with a two-iron to eight feet for a three at the fourth and a five-iron to five feet for another eagle at the 12th. He had birdies at the seventh and ninth, holing from 15 feet and 40 feet, to turn in 31 and he collected his other three birdies in the last six holes.

Riley was entitled to feel a touch disappointed because he missed four putts of less than 12 feet, including one of 18 inches at the fifth where he hit a delightful four-iron. "I don't know whether I can hit the ball better," he said. "If I could play like that every day then I can tell you Nick Faldo wouldn't have as many trophies as he has."

Faldo, who finished with a 69, was just one of several major championship winners who had to play a supporting role as Riley took a three-shot lead ahead of Gordon Brand Jnr. Faldo missed eight times from less than 15 feet.

Bernhard Langer, the 1985 Masters champion, did better with a 67 in which he had seven birdies. Even so, he was rather fortunate at the 16th where his one-iron tee shot appeared destined for the bushes before ricocheting off a spectator to safety. Langer took full advantage by hitting a seven iron to three feet.

Ian Woosnam was not blessed at the 18th where he had an unplayable lie. He took seven at the hole for a 70 which was matched by José-María Olazábal.

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SCORES FROM WENTWORTH

63: W Riley (Aus). 66: G Brand Jr. 67: B Langer (Ger), P Teravainen (US), M James, B Norton (US), P Smith, J Rystrom (Swe), C Moody, R Boxall. 68: B Barnes. 69: C Montgomerie, E Darcy, J Rivero (Sp), F Nobilo (NZ), M Clayton (Aus), S Field, M Davis, N Faldo. 70: G Levenson (SA), S Torrance, M Mackenzie, J Spence, D Cooper, M Mouland, P Way, S McAllister, D J Russell, V Fernandez (Arg), I Woosnam, D Feherty, M Miller, J M Olazábal (Sp).

71: R Davis (Aus), W Grant, G Cali (It), A Forsbrand (Swe), C O'Connor Jr, J M Cañizares (Sp), D Stirling, C Gillies, H Clark, J Bland (SA), C Rocca (It), E Romero (Arg). A Lyle, A Sherborne, M Martin (Sp). 72: P Walton, D Gilford, C Parry (Aus), P Curry, A Sorensen (Den), E Dussart (Fr), R Drummond, W Longmuir, D Llewellyn, A Garrido (Sp), J Haeggman (Swe), J Heggarty, P Hoad, B Marchbank, P Fowler (Aus), P McWhinney (Aus), P Senior (Aus), J Quiros (Sp), S Bennett, S Hamill, V Singh (Fiji). 73: B Lane, M Roe, G Turner, R Chapman, J Parnevik (Swe), B Ogle (Aus), P O'Malley (Aus), A Webster, K Waters, T Horton, J Bennett.

74: R McFarlane, M McLean, O Sellberg (Swe), S Stephen, M Lanner (Swe), J Van de Velde (Fr), S Bowman (US), M Moreno (Sp), D Smyth, R Stelten (US), L Jones, P Carrigill, P Baker, T Charnley, D Durnian, C Defoy. 75: J Morgan, P Broadhurst, H Balocchi (SA), P Elson, A Johnstone (Zim), H Flatman. 76: J Hawksworth, D A Russell, R Hartmann (US), M Jimenez (Sp), M King, J Pinsent, J Hawkes (SA), M Poxon, J Rutledge (Can), E Wilson, B Gallacher. Withdrew: R Rafferty (Ire) and M McNulty (Zim). Retired: D Williams.

England ready for a fierce midfield battle

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

THE acrid smell of cordite could be hanging over Wembley by the end of this afternoon. So many metaphorical sticks of dynamite will be lying around the arena that it would be optimistic to expect the international between England and Argentina, the last of the domestic season, to be anything but explosive.

Into the already potentially volatile mixture has been thrown David Batty. The ferociously competitive midfield player is the first representative from Leeds United to be chosen for England for a dozen years. The last, Trevor Cherry, was ominously sent off against Argentina in Rosario in 1977.

Batty concedes that he has had "a problem in the past getting booked for reckless challenges". Although his aggression is now more controlled, he is still capable of leaving firm imprints on opponents, as a couple of Soviet Union players discovered during his 20 minutes as a substitute on Tuesday.

The Soviets came across a few other midfield combatants at Old Trafford on Thursday night. Garcia, who was dismissed during his own international debut two months ago, and Franco were two of the three Argentines to be booked.

Batty, the one newcomer in a re-arranged line-up including half a dozen changes, is to fill a defensive role between Thomas, who is no less physically forceful, and Platt. The battle for supremacy is likely at best to be lively. At worst, it could be undisguised warfare.

"Batty is competitive," Graham Taylor, who first brought him into the squad last November, said yesterday, "but you have to be at the highest level. You could describe him as a continuity player. He keeps the ball moving. He never seems to be overawed by the occasion."

The comparison between the fiery 22-year-old and Nobby Stiles is almost irresistible. Small in stature and big of heart, Batty is renowned principally for his destructive qualities. In the words of Taylor, "he likes a tackle". His distribution is simple but adequate and his goalscoring ability is negligible.

Batty himself says he has modelled his style on Billy Bremner, a member of the powerful Leeds side built by Don Revie. "I watched him on film and he was one of my heroes, a great leader." By chance, Bremner was the manager who offered the youngster his League debut four years ago. He has since developed into an influential component of the unit shaped by Howard Wilkinson. Batty admits that his tackling and workrate are the main features of his game. Since the characteristics are shared also by Thomas, Barnes will again be expected to be the creative source. Lineker, restored as the captain, Smith and Platt, the scorer of two of the three goals against the Soviets, will be waiting to benefit from his contribution on the left flank.

Pearce and Walker, unavailable earlier in the week, are recalled to the defence which has been chosen most regularly by Taylor. It could be stretched by a young and inexperienced Argentine side which has regained a welcome sense of adventure under its new manager, Alfie Basile.

Batty watched them hold the Soviets to a 1-1 draw on television and noted that they were "tight, compact and looked good going forward". Nevertheless, Taylor's team should protect his unbeaten record and so win the England Challenge Cup. They need only to avoid defeat to do so.

Pearce, Mark Wright, Walker, Platt, Batty, Thomas and Lineker are scheduled to assemble with the party on Monday morning for the flight to Sydney where the tour of Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia is to open.

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Tranmere's double, page 39

ENGLAND TEAM

D Seaman (Arsenal), L Dixon (Arsenal), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), D Batty (Leeds United), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), M Wright (Derby County), D Platt (Aston Villa), G Thomas (Crystal Palace), A Smith (Arsenal), G Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur) J Barnes (Liverpool)

FA unable to act on drug offender

By John Goodbody

AN ENGLISH professional footballer playing for a second division team was found positive in the A sample of a routine drugs test taken at a match last season. However, no action will be taken by the Football Association, even if the B sample confirms the finding, because the governing body does not have a programme of sanctions.

The identity of the player has yet to be disclosed. The drug, diethylpropion, which is used as an appetite suppressant to counter obesity, is banned because it contains an amphetamine-like stimulant. The drug can only be legally sold on prescription and can in fact impair performance of skilled tasks.

The player has asked for the second B sample, which was tested at the International Olympic Committee-accredited laboratory at King's College London, to be examined. All urine samples for drug tests are split into two parts. Only if the A is positive will the B sample be analysed.

Glen Kirton, the head of external affairs at the FA, has said that the player, who stated that he was not taking any proscribed drugs on the form he completed at the time of providing the sample, and also the club would be interviewed by the governing body.

Kirton said: "The player denies taking the drug. Our testing is purely voluntary. We do not have any sanctions. It would be totally wrong to take any retrospective action."

He added that with the premier league "on the horizon" they would consider introducing compulsory tests and sanctions "to protect football and the public".

South African sportsmen are no soft touches

SIMON BARNES
ON SATURDAY

South African rugby players are awful in bed, says Bernard Levinson — and, after all, he should know. For he is described as "South Africa's leading sexologist" and he has written several books on "loving and sex". "They are typical South African men who are raised to believe that, to maintain their macho image, cuddling and touching is taboo." Rugby players, football players and, indeed, all those who play team contact sports, often have a desperate need to touch, he says.

"In our culture in this country, little girls can hold hands and their mothers can cuddle them, but little boys are taught to rough and tumble." They turn to rugby because they have "a deep subconscious need to have physical contact". He urges mothers across South Africa to be more affectionate to their sons so they will grow up into better lovers.

You would not think it was possible to argue with facts like that. But those who play South Africa's great white game have not taken kindly to all this. Andre Botha, a Natal lock, said: "I have never heard such drivel in my life. I had an absolutely loving mother." Tom Lawton, who played hooker for Natal and so was never short of physical contact, said: "My mother cuddled me profusely; ja, I think I'm a good lover. The best, in fact." Always assuming it was a competition in the first place.

☐ *Mark Spitz, the man who won seven swimming gold medals at the Olympics some time during the Pleistocene era, continues his comeback. He is now 41 and recently lost yet another race, the third since his comeback began. He was last of five in a race on the Canary Islands, with a time of 58.77sec in the 100 metres butterfly. He needs to lose more than three seconds if he is to qualify for the United States Olympic trials next year.*

Salisbury pain

Mighty Salisbury, of the Beazer Homes League southern division, missed promotion by a whisker — well, maybe two whiskers — this season. But even if they had made it, they would not have gone up: their ground fails to meet the standards of the premier division. This is a reasonably regular occurrence in the aromatic world of non-League football but the departure from the norm here is that Salisbury could easily lay their hands on the money to upgrade their ground, and badly wish to do so. Their future, even in the southern division, is in doubt because of the poor quality of the facilities. But they have been refused permission to upgrade the ground by their landlords — the local council.

Local residents feel that promotion to the premier division would open the floodgates and that, before long, Salisbury would have crowds of 40,000 Chelsea-style supporters. Not In My Back Yard has been the response from influential Salisbury people. The club gets 300 spectators at a home game. Some of these loyal souls have drawn up a petition and attracted 1,500 signatures. This column wishes them luck but I warn those who oppose Salisbury's plans for redevelopment that anyone who thinks the Beazer Homes League is the gateway to Sodom and Gomorrah is liable to serious disappointment.

Pregnant cause

Faithful readers will recall the Canadian racewalker, Ann Peel, who was prepared to take legal action against her ruling federation, Sport Canada, because they cut her grant. They did so because she was pregnant. Injured runners get the full whack but pregnant women lose 40 per cent of their lolly. The news is she has won. Marcel Danis, the Canadian sports minister, has revised the policy and will now give pregnant athletes what they deserve — 100 per cent. "I think it's a fair ruling," Peel said. "What I like about it is that it's finally being recognised that motherhood and an athletic career aren't mutually exclusive."

☐ *Congratulations to Princess Diana for her remarkable achievement in making the pages of the American* Sports Illustrated *magazine, and becoming perhaps the first consort of an heir apparent ever to do so. She was quoted for her remark on meeting the kicker of the London Monarchs American football team at a charity lunch to promote the World League of American Football: "I think I'm under-dressed."*

Bronx badlands

There are those who believe the United States is an unsuitable venue for the football World Cup, which will be held there in 1994. But there are some things they do which we cannot begin to match. Football hooliganism, for example, as a chilling tale from the Bronx will tell you. A minor match between two sides — Juvenil, from the Bronx, and Jalisco, of New Rochelle — attracted a crowd of 500. The rival supporters exchanged insults and things developed into a brawl; so far so bad. But the incident then turned into an all-American horror show when guns were produced, and one supporter, Jean Torre, was shot dead. Camiro Morales was arrested and charged with murder.

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